

In the last quarter of 1983: IS120b. pumped into the economy

By AVI TEMKIN
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The government and the Bank of Israel printed money and extended credits amounting to some IS120 billion during the last three months of 1983, according to a Bank of Israel document issued yesterday.

According to the central bank's financial report for 1983, the public withdrew some IS15b. from maturing saving schemes, worsening the situation.

The figures in the bank's report are much higher than the money injection statistics published monthly by the government. This is because the Bank of Israel report includes liquidity injected by the central bank as well as credits granted by the government to the private sector.

The central bank's figures revealed that the public used about half of the extra liquidity to buy foreign currency and finance imports. The public spent another IS40b. on foreign currency-linked deposit accounts (patam).

Bank of Israel officials reacted yesterday by saying that during the last months of the year the public's

financial assets had contracted sharply, following the stock market crash. "This makes any talk of a liquidity flood unfounded," the officials said.

Nevertheless, the officials conceded that there is a problem with the large sums printed by the government and the withdrawals from long-term saving schemes. "These sums do represent a potential danger," they said.

Speaking yesterday to the Knesset Finance Committee, Prof. Haim Barkai, former chairman of the central bank advisory board, warned that without a further cut in government spending the Treasury's targets for this year could prove unachievable.

Prof. Efraim Kleiman warned that no improvement in the balance of payments can be achieved if inflation is not brought under control.

Prof. Eitan Sheshinski told the committee that the Treasury demand for a quarterly adjustment of the budget according to revenue will be justified if there are large deviations from tax revenue forecasts.

West Bank delegation sees Arafat in Amman

Post Middle East Affairs Reporter
and agencies

The delegation of West Bank leaders dispatched to Amman earlier this week met last night with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

There were no reports of what transpired at the meeting, but Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, who is heading the 70-member delegation, told the English-language *Jordan Times* yesterday that they would be urging "a joint political framework before it is too late."

Freij had been warned not to meet with Arafat by the Israeli civil administration, but West Bankers are not expecting a harsh reaction towards Freij from the

Israeli authorities because of the meeting. There were two quiet demonstrations in Nablus yesterday — one for the meeting and one against it.

Earlier reports quoted sources in Amman as saying Arafat had agreed during a meeting with a delegation headed by Jordanian Prime Minister Ahmad Obaidat on Monday night to reactivate the joint Palestinian-Jordanian committee which suspended operations following the collapse of the earlier dialogue between the two men last April.

The joint committee, established following the 1978 Arab summit in (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Meshel to hand over reins, but only in 'good harmony'

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
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TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yoram Meshel yesterday described his deputy Israel Kassar as his "good friend," promised to "hand over his job" in "good harmony" and advised Kassar to "escape the bear hugs" of members advocating an early transfer.

But Meshel persistently avoided saying when he plans to step down and avoid confirming an agreement with Kassar to do so in April. "I was elected to a full term of office, and this is my right. How to transfer the job in an orderly fashion to Israel Kassar is an arrangement between him and me," he said at a closed meeting of the Labour Party's Central Committee here. The minutes of his remarks were later made public.

Some Labour Party figures have

been demanding Meshel's retirement as soon as possible. This follows disarray in the Labour Party generated by the suicide last Thursday of former Bank Hapoalim chairman Ya'acov Levinson. In a suicide note, Levinson said that he had been victimized by associates who had inspired an internal investigation into allegations of financial misbehavior by Levinson, and then had leaked news of the investigation to the press.

At Meshel's urging, Bank Hapoalim has decided to hand its material on Levinson's alleged misdeeds to the attorney-general, who forwarded it to the police. Levinson shot himself on the eve of the police investigation, charging Histadrut and Bank Hapoalim leaders with a frame-up.

"Information reaches me," (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)



Police investigators search for evidence among the glass slivers on Jaffa Road outside the Jerusalem clothing shop where two grenades exploded yesterday morning. (Rahamim Israeli)

21 wounded, six still hospitalized Police hold 3 suspects in Jerusalem bombing

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
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The police last night were holding three suspects in connection with yesterday morning's terror bombing in downtown Jerusalem in which 21 people were wounded. Six of them were still in hospital last night.

Two of four grenades, wrapped together and hidden in a plastic bag, exploded at about 9.30 a.m. just outside a Jaffa Road clothing shop. All the wounded were hurt by shrapnel and glass from the shop's shattered window.

Traffic got snarled up when police sought to clear the area so that sappers could neutralize two unexploded grenades and search for others.

Erica Gidron, 54, interviewed at her bedside in the emergency room of Bikur Holim, told *The Jerusalem Post* that "nobody wanted to help."

Gidron suffered extensive wounds from shrapnel and glass

slivers, as well as leg injuries.

"I was bleeding, and I went to a shop and asked them to please help me but they wouldn't even let me in. Thankfully, a young man came by, took my arm and stopped a car, which brought me here." She said that "in 26 years in Israel, I never thought such a thing could happen."

Another victim, Efrat Shalev, 42, who was also hurt when a bomb exploded in an Egged bus in December, said: "I feel like a lightning conductor." She, too, tried unsuccessfully to get help after the explosion, it was reported. She motioned to a taxi to stop, but the driver sped off. "He probably thought I'd get the car dirty," she said with a bitter smile. Soon after, a clerk working in a nearby automobile hire service gave her a towel to wipe the blood from her wounds. Only then did a private car (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Little evidence for claim that Iraq attacked oil port

NICOSIA. — Iran denied an official Iraqi report yesterday that Iraqi planes had attacked oil tankers anchored near its main oil-export terminal at Kharg Island.

"Alleged Iraqi attacks on oil tankers at Kharg Island oil terminal are imaginary and without foundation," reported Ina, the official Iranian news agency. "Such lies are aimed at covering up military defeats in 'Operation Keibar'."

Iraq meanwhile said yesterday its troops won the fiercest battle of the 42-month-old war after three days of fighting, annihilating four Iranian infantry divisions and killing more than 30,000 Iranian soldiers.

Iranian troops that managed to push into Iraq in the southern Basra sector of the front all have been pushed back across the border, said an Iraqi communiqué reported by the official Iraqi news agency, INA.

There was no immediate Iranian comment on the Iraqi victory report. Conflicting claims by the two sides cannot be independently confirmed, because they rarely allow foreign correspondents to visit the frontline.

In Washington, Pentagon sources said U.S. reconnaissance had found no evidence to back up Iraq's claim of having hit oil tankers near Kharg Island.

"There were no signs of any burning tankers," said one source who spoke only on condition he remain anonymous.

"If there was an attack, there wasn't any damage so far as we could tell."

In London, Lloyds Shipping said it had no information that the Kharg Island terminal had been attacked. (AP, Reuter)

IDF officer: Lebanese stay hurts army's training level

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
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JAFFA. — The deputy head of the Israeli Defence Forces training department said yesterday there was "no doubt" the level of training in the army has dropped as a result of its stay in Lebanon.

Units have fewer training days and the period between training sessions is longer, he told *The Jerusalem Post*. The matter is more serious than in the past because the army is more sophisticated and more training is required, he said.

The officer, Tat Aluf R., was

replying to questions at a ceremony marking the opening of a Medical Corps urban training centre here.

Urban training centres were conceived before the Lebanon war. The tank corps has opened three centres. Tests over the past two months showed that 60 per cent of the 1,300 soldiers examined failed at the start of the half-day course but only 20 per cent failed at the end. Some reservists returned of their own volition for another course, Tat Aluf R. added. The army intends to open further urban tank corps training centres.

Tat Aluf R. said the use of simulators at the centres tells soldiers what mistakes they have made, whereas when firing live ammunition they know only whether they hit the target. Moreover, by sending soldiers to afternoon training in town the unit can forgo some "dry" rehearsals and devote more time to field maneuvers.

The Medical Corps training centre here and those planned in Jerusalem, Haifa and Beer Sheva will teach combat soldiers the basic elements of first aid.

In most cases in battle, the first

Two suspect drugs marketed freely here

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Two anti-rheumatic drugs manufactured by Ciba-Geigy of Switzerland and which may have killed 1,182 persons are still being marketed in Israel.

The drugs, both containing phenylbutazon, are the centre of a controversy that involves more than a dozen countries. It is believed that some 200 million patients have used the drugs. Norwegian and American sources claim that the two drugs are to blame for some 10,000 deaths.

The two compounds available in Israel, Tanderil, which is imported, and Shigroind, manufactured locally by Ikapharm in Kfar Sava, are believed to have caused a large number of fatal cases of aplastic anaemia, or failure of the bone marrow to produce sufficient red blood

cells, and agranulocytosis, failure to produce white blood cells.

In Israel three adverse but non-fatal reactions to the drug were reported in 1981. More recent statistics are not available.

The Health Ministry was unable to comment on the future of the drug in Israel yesterday, but promised an answer within a few days. Pharmacists said they had received no instructions as to special handling of prescriptions for the drugs.

At Ikapharm, the pharmacologist in charge of drug regulation said that his company had decided, on its own initiative to discontinue the production of Shigroind and had notified the Health Ministry of its intention to do so, requesting cancellation of its license.

An 800-page investigative report

undertaken by Ciba-Geigy, whose drug sales last year totalled \$2 billion, led to the rewriting of instruction leaflets provided with the drug. It called on physicians to carefully weigh the risks before prescribing the medication.

The leaflet, issued last July, also recommends that the drug be used only in acute situations, in controlling one specific and particularly painful spinal condition known as Bekhterev's disease, and that treatment not be continued for more than one week.

As of this week, however, Tanderil was available in Israeli pharmacies without the new instruction leaflet.

Norway this month banned the drug as of April 1, and the West German government has severely restricted its use. The U.S. Depart-

ment of Health is reported to be considering banning the drug due to public pressure. A meeting to which interested parties are invited will be held in Berlin on March 15 to discuss the drugs.

Particularly outspoken are experts from Sweden such as Dr. Olle Hansson, a neurologist, and a leading critic of Ciba-Geigy since 1977, when the company paid \$10 million in damages to some 10,000 Japanese who suffered severe neurological disorders after taking the firm's anti-diarrhea drug, Chinoform.

Ciba-Geigy says that the two anti-rheumatic drugs have been largely replaced by a safer but less effective compound called Voltaren.

This, however, has been implicated in the death of about 40 persons during the 10 years it has been on the market.

Two IDF soldiers killed in ambush

METULLA. — Two IDF soldiers were killed yesterday in an ambush near the southern Lebanese Shiite village of Arab Salim.

The two were Turai Nissim Biton, 35, of Ness Ziona, and Samal Mordechai Shkedi, 48, of Hadera. Shkedi's funeral is set for today in Hadera at 3 p.m.

Eyewitnesses said a rocket-propelled grenade was fired at two IDF jeeps. One jeep continued on its way, but the other stopped and was hit by small arms fire which killed two passengers.

A week ago, an IDF soldier was killed not far from the scene of this attack.

A search turned up a Kalashnikov assault rifle, an RPG launcher, handgrenades and ammunition.

A curfew was placed on Arab Salim. IDF forces conducted house-to-house searches.

Hundreds of vehicles carrying Lebanese Christians used this road yesterday on the way to a pro-Israel demonstration in Jezzine. An Egged bus carrying journalists to the event also used the road.

The attack occurred during the Jezzine demonstration.

In Sidon, a handgrenade was thrown at an IDF position yesterday, but no one was hurt. Also in that city, a delegation of businessmen met with IDF officers and promised to work to reduce tensions, which they said were harming commercial life.

U.S. leaving Lebanon to Arabs

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration is moving quickly to revive the broader Arab-Israeli peace process in the aftermath of the latest setbacks in Lebanon.

With nearly all U.S. Marines now out of Lebanon, special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld is expected to leave shortly for Egypt, Israel, Jordan and other countries in the region to promote broader peace talks.

Rumsfeld, accompanied by his new deputy, Lawrence Silberman, is not likely to include a stopover in Lebanon, officials here confirmed yesterday. They noted that the U.S. for the time being has suspended its pursuit of a political settlement there.

"We're letting the Arabs take the lead there," a U.S. official said. He mentioned the latest mediatory in-

Dollarization still viable, Aridor insists

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
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Former finance minister Yoram Aridor said yesterday that although he had resigned because he failed to win sufficient support for his dollarization plan, that very plan was now surfacing again, "borne on the waves of an annual inflation rate of 300-400 per cent."

Speaking in the debate on the 1984/85 state budget presented to the Knesset by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad, Aridor criticized the measures taken by his successor and charged that Cohen-Orgad has no plan.

But mostly he defended his own policies.

He said his critics had said that the main problem is not inflation, but the balance of payments. But today it is clear to all that the two cannot be separated, he said.

"If inflation soars, there is no growth. If there is no growth, there is no infrastructure for increasing exports. How then will the balance-of-payments problem be solved?" he asked.

Aridor recalled that his failure to make a package deal on wages, prices and taxes with the Histadrut had been attributed to the fact that "the minister of finance doesn't smile enough."

"Nu?" Aridor asked. "So why isn't there a package deal now?"

He answered his own question: "It transpires that today, too, there is no package deal, not because the government doesn't want one, but because the Histadrut rejects it, for political reasons."

Aridor said that he had balked at devaluing the shekel to its real level, knowing full well that the price would be "crazy inflation." This (Continued on Page 3)

Jemayel going to Damascus to meet Assad

BEIRUT (AP). — Syrian-Lebanese summit talks will be held in Damascus within the next 48 hours following reports that President Amin Jemayel is about to scrap the May 17 accord with Israel to satisfy Syria and its Lebanese opposition allies, the official Syrian news agency said yesterday.

The agency, Sana, said Jemayel will visit Damascus "within the next 48 hours" for talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad on the Lebanese crisis. Earlier, government sources in Beirut said the Lebanese president's trip was expected by the next weekend.

The sources said Lebanon was awaiting the return of Saudi mediator Rafik Hariri from Riyadh to accompany two Lebanese envoys to Damascus today to prepare for Jemayel's first visit to Syria since he assumed power in September 1982.

Assad has demanded that the U.S.-arranged May 17 agreement be abrogated before Assad would receive Jemayel, and one government source said "the agreement is

finished, but the time for declaring its abrogation has yet to be set."

Another source said the envoys that would accompany Hariri to Damascus will probably be Foreign Minister Elie Salem and presidential adviser Jean Obeid, who reportedly enjoys good relations with Syrian officials.

"If all goes well, the summit meeting will be held over the weekend, but not before," the source said.

Sources said that Jemayel sent a message to Assad on Monday requesting a meeting with him this week.

The diplomatic efforts, however, were accompanied by continuing battles between Christian and Moslem militiamen in downtown Beirut and in hilltops overlooking the capital. Scores of artillery shells and rockets crashed in residential neighbourhoods of West and East Beirut.

Battles began overnight and continued through the day along the "green line" that divides Beirut into Christian and Moslem sectors. The (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Demonstrators urge honouring May 17 pact 20,000 Christian Lebanese gather at pro-Israel rally

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
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JEZZINE. — Some 20,000 Christians from all parts of Lebanon demonstrated here yesterday, calling for the implementation of the May 17 Lebanese-Israeli agreement and declaring their identification with the Jewish people.

The demonstrators came from towns and villages north and south of the Awali River. They displayed placards in English, Hebrew and Arabic reading "Yes to Israel," "Yes to peace," and "We reject the Syrian presence in Lebanon."

Israeli and Lebanese flags flew from rooftops while a local band played and little girls in white waved tiny flags of both nations. Among the speakers were village leaders, priests and militia officers.

A spokesman for the Mashref village north of the Awali said: "We want total cooperation with the Jewish people and the IDF. We want to support the Jewish people

in its peaceful mission in Lebanon."

He added that this was the first time in the history of the Levant that Christians were openly asking for Jewish help.

The mayor of the near-by village of Rhum, George Haddad, said that Lebanese Christians are asking President Amin Jemayel not to cancel the agreement with Israel. His remarks were applauded.

The Phalange commander in the south, Nazir Nazarian, said that the party and militia do not want the agreement abrogated. "If the president cancels it, we'll oppose the government and carry it out by ourselves," he said.

He added that all those gathered in Jezzine yesterday aimed at the creation of a "free Christian coalition" in South Lebanon. This coalition will be openly allied with Israel, he said.

"We want your friendship. As for keeping the IDF here, that is something you Israelis will have to decide," Nazarian said.

Shamir: U.S. won't meet PLO under present conditions

By ASHER WALLFISH
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Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday that the U.S. administration remains faithful to its commitment not to talk to the PLO as long as the PLO does not fulfil American conditions for a dialogue.

Those conditions entail acceptance of Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 and also the recognition of Israel's right to exist.

Replying to a question in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee from its

chairman Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Shamir said that he had ordered Washington Ambassador Meir Rosenne to obtain clarifications from the State Department and to lodge a protest, after press reports in the U.S. about American contacts with the PLO.

Rosenne told Under Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger that the reports indicated a grave development, not only in the actual contact between Americans and the PLO, but also in violation of the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

French resolution calls for UN force in Beirut

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — France yesterday revised its resolution on Lebanon, calling for a cease-fire and the replacement of the multinational peacekeeping force with a UN force in Lebanon, the Security Council said. The Soviet Union, however, called the resolution unacceptable.

The revised French resolution stipulates that the cease-fire should apply throughout Lebanon, but that the UN force should monitor it only in the Beirut area. The revised version reflected some of the suggestions for changes that had been made in private talks among 15 Security Council members last Friday and Monday, Security Council officials said.

The council president, Pakistani Ambassador Sardar Shah Nawaz, called midday private consultations of the council to get members' opinions of the new resolution.

The UN force would replace the multinational force from France, Italy, Britain and the U.S., most of which has been withdrawn.

The council, by request of France, has been debating the situation in Lebanon since mid-February.

The Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent adds:
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir

said yesterday that the French proposal for a new UN force in Lebanon could only work in the unlikely event that all the warring parties there agreed to it.

Shamir said all-party agreement was the basic prerequisite for an international peace force. It explained the success of the MFO in Sinai — and the absence of it explained the failure of Unifil and the MNF in Lebanon.

The premier spoke at length on this issue with the visiting director-general of the Finnish Foreign Ministry, Matti Tuovinen.

A Finnish unit serves with one of the successful UN forces in the Middle East — Unifil on the Golan Heights.

Shamir contended moreover that an international force, by its nature, could not be a fighting force, but only a buffer zone. That was another reason, he said, why a Unifil-type unit alone could not adequately protect southern Lebanon from PLO encroachments.

Tuovinen held working sessions with his opposite number, David Kimche, and senior aides at the Foreign Ministry. Kimche also hosted a lunch for the Finnish diplomat at Kibbutz Ma'aleh Hahamisha.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

29.2.1984	MIN.	MAX.	C F C F
AMSTERDAM	1	34	38 Cloudy
BRUSSELS	2	28	40 Rain
BUEENOS AIRES	-2	28	40 Rain
CHICAGO	-4	28	40 Rain
COPENHAGEN	-4	28	40 Rain
FRANKFURT	-1	30	40 Rain
GENEVA	0	32	40 Rain
Helsinki	-4	28	40 Rain
HONG KONG	13	28	40 Rain
JOHANNESBURG	13	28	40 Rain
LONDON	-1	30	40 Rain
MADRID	-1	30	40 Rain
MONTREAL	-1	30	40 Rain
NEW YORK	-1	30	40 Rain
OSLO	-1	30	40 Rain
PARIS	-1	30	40 Rain
RIO DE JANEIRO	23	73	102 Cloudy
SAO PAULO	22	72	91 Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	-1	30	40 Rain
TORONTO	-1	30	40 Rain
VIENNA	-1	30	40 Rain
ZURICH	0	32	40 Rain

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair.	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	19	17-19	19
Golan	19	17-19	19
Nahariya	24	6-15	17
Haifa Port	64	10-17	19
Tiberias	40	6-20	23
Nazareth	41	8-19	21
Afula	40	2-21	24
Shmonon	29	4-19	21
Tel Aviv	50	8-18	20
B-G Airport	47	4-20	23
Jericho	21	7-24	26
Gaza	66	8-17	19
Beer Sheva	28	4-20	23
Elit	16	11-24	27

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menahem Bevan yesterday greeted the new president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch. He also greeted Japanese Cultural Attaché, Hideo Sato; H.E. The Ambassador of Costa Rica Mrs. Karen Olsen Beck at the end of her term of office; and a delegation from Germany headed by Paul Herlinger.

A reception was held yesterday at the Grand Beach Hotel by Jacqueline Segaloff, head of a Hadassah Young Leadership Study Mission from the U.S., for participants in the mission, their husbands and Israeli guests.

Michal Brenner, director of the Gan Ha'Yeled adventure playground for handicapped children in central Carmel, will speak about her work at the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

Tim Gidal, photographer and pioneer in photo-journalism, will speak on "Jerusalem in Photographs: 1839-1910" at the weekly meeting of Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. in YMCA today.

The Sir Michael Sobell Greenhouse for Horticulture Studies was dedicated yesterday at the Hebrew University Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot.

Journalist Ovadia Peled, 67
TEL AVIV (Itim). — Ovadia Peled, for many years the political analyst of the Yiddish daily, *Letzte Naves*, and secretary of the Yiddish Writers Association, died yesterday aged 67. He will be buried at 2.30 p.m. today in the Holon cemetery.

Maccabi TA whips Haifa team, 114-62

Post Sports Staff
TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Tel Aviv last night delivered Maccabi Haifa a 114-62 hammering at Yad Elihu to qualify for the semi-finals of the National Basketball League playoffs. Mickey Berkowitz led the way with 27 points as Maccabi sped to a 57-20 lead at the half, and he finished with a 43-point personal tally.

Scouts become politically engaged

The Israel Scouts movement has decided to take a stand on political and social issues, thus breaking with its scrupulously apolitical past, an official press statement said yesterday. The movement's council decided last week that the movement permits and encourages political involvement by all Scout troops after a two-thirds majority of the troop so decides. The minority, however, is allowed freedom to disagree, the council said. Voting that the movement will taken action to deepen political awareness among its ranks, the council also said the movement would discuss and take positions on political questions under dispute if an outside body calls on the Scouts to do so. The next meeting of the movement's central committee will decide its position on the question of "religious compulsion." The official press communique stressed that the Scouts, although henceforth a politically engaged movement, would not be identified with any political party.

HOME NEWS

Mandelbaum urges package deal on wages, prices

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Without a package deal among the Histadrut, the private employers and the government, there is a real danger that the number of jobless will be greater than the forecasted 90,000, Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum said yesterday.

Speaking at a press conference in Jerusalem during which he presented the Bank's 1983 financial reports, Mandelbaum said that such an agreement should be designed to stabilize wages, prices and exchange rates. He added that until now it has been the labour federation, and not the government, which has opposed such an accord.

Mandelbaum also said that his opposition to the "dollarization" plan of former finance minister Yoram Aridor has grown since October. "As time passes I am more convinced that such a plan would not work in an economy like ours, with large balance of payments

deficits," he said.

According to Mandelbaum, 1983 was a "hard year" which brought astonishing developments. The private sector, he said, had used some \$1.6 billion to finance the purchase of foreign currency and imports during the year, he said. He added that this was largely offset by some \$1.5 billion brought to the country by the public sector.

Mandelbaum also said that 1983 had witnessed something which was considered as unreal in the past, namely a large contraction in the public's monetary assets.

According to the bank's figures the monetary assets in the hands of the public, including cash, deposits, bonds, shares and saving schemes, had dropped in real terms by some 30 per cent. Especially marked was the contraction in the real value of shares, some 65 per cent compared to the end of 1982.

Foreign currency-linked deposits (*patam*), however, underwent a large increase during the

year, some \$1.4 billion, or 46 per cent in real terms.

Mandelbaum said that the Israeli banking system, despite recent developments, still has a high reputation abroad, and that the amount of foreign residents' deposits has not decreased in the last few months.

The governor insisted that Israel's financial standing abroad will depend on the government's ability to cut the budget and on the improvement of the balance of payments.

Speaking about the coming months, Mandelbaum said that now that the monetary assets of the public have gone down so sharply, the next step should be a cut in spending. "Monetary policy has done its share to reduce demands," he added.

According to Mandelbaum, the target for the central bank and the Treasury should be to cut government expenditure and to encourage savings as a means of ensuring the achievement of Treasury targets.

Kiryat Arba leaders guilty of obstruction of justice

Two leaders of the Kiryat Arba community were yesterday found guilty of interfering with the course of justice by destroying an explosive device they found hidden in the Kiryat Arba council building in the spring of 1982. Moshe Rosenthal, formerly the community's security officer, was given a six-month suspended sentence. Ze'ev Friedman, who was deputy chairman of the council, was given a nine-month suspended sentence.

The prosecution had charged them with the more serious crime of destroying evidence to obstruct justice. The maximum penalty for the former is five years imprisonment, and for the latter three years imprisonment.

The prosecution contended that the two men destroyed the explosive device after deciding that it may have been put together by Jews and may have been connected with the attack on the West Bank mayors in 1980.

District Court Judge Shalom Brenner said in his judgement that he did not accept the men's statement that their sole motivation in destroying the explosive device was to keep the name of Kiryat Arba

from being blighted.

Their decision not to give the evidence to the police was "meant to obstruct the police inquiry that might have, they believed, led to someone in Kiryat Arba, and this (in the words of Friedman) was not good for the Jewish people," the judge said.

But, said Judge Brenner, linking the two men to the attack on the mayors was unjustified and for this they have already been punished "by being raked across the coals by the media" for something with which they are not connected.

The court also cleared Friedman of the charge of possessing an unlicensed weapon, but found Rosenthal guilty of this offence. Brenner said that he decided to impose suspended sentences on the men because their names were linked unjustly with the attack on the mayors and they are still suffering from this accusation. Their deed was not part of a scheme to "use" the law for "the good of the Jewish people," but rather was the result of rashness which seized them. Furthermore, the men holds extremist views and the two regret the deed, he said. (Itim)

JORDAN

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Baghdad, is charged with coordinating aid to the Palestinian population of the West Bank.

Meanwhile, Arafat yesterday visited units of the Palestine Liberation Army in Jordan and said that he had come to Jordan seeking a formula for "the liberation" of Jerusalem and the territories.

Arafat said in an address to nearly 800 men of the Badr Forces detachment that the PLO is engaged in discussions with "brothers in Jordan to come up with a common basis toward the liberation of Jerusalem and the occupied land."

Arafat was accompanied during his visit to the camp northeast of Amman by his deputy, Khalil Wazir, the commander of the 3,500-man Palestine Liberation Army in Jordan, Col. Naim al-Khatib; the Jordanian Minister for the Oc-

cupied Territories Shawkat Mahmoud; and Col. Abdel-Hafez Merhi, a member of the Jordanian Army's joint chiefs of staff. The army, while formed by the PLO, is under the command of the Jordanian monarch.

Arafat arrived in Amman on Sunday and has met twice with King Hussein. He also conferred with other Jordanian officials.

Details of the talks have not been disclosed, though official Jordanian sources have said Hussein and Arafat were discussing future "principles of cooperation to solve the Palestinian question and liberate the land."

Informed sources in Amman, who requested anonymity, said the talks focused mainly on the relations between both parties and ways of supporting the Palestinian population living on the West Bank.

JERUSALEM BOMBING

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take her to Bikur Holim Hospital, she said.

The police set up roadblocks throughout Jerusalem, arresting about 50 Arabs, but by last night all but three had been released.

One of the wounded underwent emergency surgery in the afternoon at Bikur Holim and was in the intensive-care ward last night. In Damascus, Naet Hawatmeh's

Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility for the attack against the "Zionist soldiers in Jaffa Street." Also taking responsibility was the Abu Nidal organization, which also has an office in Damascus.

The explosions were the first attack in West Jerusalem since early December, when a bomb exploded on an Egged bus, killing five and wounding more than 18.

SHAMIR-U.S.

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American commitment to shun contacts with the PLO. But Eagleburger replied that no real contacts took place. It was, rather, the use of a research scholar as an intermediary to find out whether the PLO was ready to fulfil the American conditions for a dialogue. The American move, he said, produced only negative results, and in any case the administration denied that any official contacts had taken place.

The premier said that the IDF has already completed plans for a redeployment in southern Lebanon but has not proposed any schedule for the pullback. Shamir said that press reports

about differences of opinion within the cabinet concerning policy in Lebanon were "without foundation." He said all the ministers were united in the view that security arrangements must be reached in southern Lebanon that would enable the IDF to disperse with a permanent presence across the border.

It is neither Israel's intention nor Israeli policy, Shamir said, to partition Lebanon. "Lebanon is not Eretz Yisrael."

He rejected the suggestion that the government's decision to keep the IDF in Lebanon stemmed from any considerations other than security, such as prestige, for instance.

Prosecutor charged with taking bribes

HAIFA (Itim). — The chief municipal prosecutor here, Zusia Eitan, was yesterday charged in district court with receiving bribes, dereliction of duty, destroying evidence, obstructing justice, forging documents and fraud.

Eitan has been under arrest since February 8.

The prosecution said that just before his arrest, Eitan took a \$100 bribe from a kiosk owner who had received a summons for operating an unlicensed business. Eitan was the prosecutor in the case and the alleged bribe was given so that proceedings would be dropped.

The bribery was witnessed by two detectives. When they approached Eitan, he tore up the dollars and allegedly tried to flush them down a toilet, but the detectives retrieved the bills, the charge sheet said.

Eitan is also charged with taking bribes of between 50 and 200 Israeli

pounds from kiosk owners between 1974 and 1977.

The prosecution also charged yesterday that Eitan used forged letters supposedly written by the attorney general's assistant, Yehudit Karp, to delay court proceedings in another case against a kiosk owner.

Eitan's trial is to continue next week. In the meantime, the court ordered that he be kept in detention.

No injuries reported in Kennedy Airport mishap

NEW YORK (AP). — A Scandinavian Airlines DC-10 carrying 163 people overshot a runway while landing at Kennedy International Airport yesterday evening and its nose wheel came to rest in shallow water, authorities said. No injuries were reported.

Soldiers ordered to remove editorial from Nahal magazine

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Nahal commander Tat-Aluf Yosef Eshkol has ordered an editorial critical of the army's involvement in Lebanon removed from the corps magazine, *Bamahane Nahal*.

Distribution of the magazine was subsequently delayed until soldiers cut the offending text from the pages already printed.

The editorial, written by editor Meir Doron, said he saw soldiers returning "eroded from yet another reserve stint in Lebanon. I see them getting poorer from (one service to

the other)... I have friends and they are becoming fewer... I am afraid we are not counting our closed hearts among the casualties of this war."

Eshkol read the article after several magazines were distributed. He ordered a halt to the distribution and soldiers were assigned to cut the item from thousands of magazines sent throughout the IDF.

Copies sold to the public will not be cut, a military source said. The IDF spokesman argued it was the Nahal commander's right and duty to see to it that the publication suits the army's wishes.

Arens to U.S. for his brother's funeral

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

The brother of Defence Minister Moshe Arens, legal scholar Richard Arens, has died in Bridgeport, Connecticut after a long illness. The defence minister left for the U.S. yesterday to attend the funeral.

Arens, a professor at the University of Bridgeport School of Law, died of a heart attack Sunday at St. Vincent's Medical Centre. He was 62.

In addition to his expertise in international human rights and criminal law, Arens was also known for his writings on the insanity

defence and for his civil rights work.

Arens was an outspoken critic of Israel. Last June, for example, he told a Washington press conference that "the Israelis have displayed some of the characteristics of the Nazis." Asked to comment on his brother Moshe, the professor said: "I find his views rather embarrassing."

Arens was past president and a director of Survival International USA, a London-based human-rights advocacy organization. He was also a member of Amnesty International USA and of the advisory board of Search for Equality and Justice in Palestine.

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involvement of Saudi Arabia. Most U.S. officials, however, remain doubtful that any of these efforts are going to succeed in strengthening the government of President Amin Jemayel or in winning the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon.

The shift in U.S. attention from Lebanon to the broader peace process comes as senior U.S. officials continue to express strong interest in the current dialogue between Jordan's King Hussein and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

The administration is still hoping that Hussein will win approval from Arafat to get involved in President Reagan's September 1982 peace initiative.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens may meet this week — perhaps as early as today — with Secretary of State George Shultz to review these and other issues on the U.S.-Israeli agenda. Arens is coming to the U.S. to attend the funeral tomorrow of his brother.

Shultz met Monday with Finance Minister Yitzhak Cohen-Orgad to review pending economic assistance as well as the state of the Israeli economy. The secretary, an economist by training, has taken a strong interest in Israel's economic problems since he took office in 1982.

Israeli officials said they were very pleased by the discussion.

At the same time, they were delighted that a key U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee voted Monday to increase by \$250 million the grant slated to be provided to Israel in the pending foreign-aid legislation.

The administration proposed an \$850m. economic grant, but the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, chaired by Democrat Lee Hamilton of Indiana, has now increased that to \$1.1b. — in addition to retaining the entire \$1.4b. in military grants proposed by the Reagan administration.

The State Department, meanwhile, said yesterday it had no information on a widely publicized news report that Rumsfeld is planning to resign after his next trip to the Middle East.

Privately, however, several U.S. officials said they would not be surprised to see Rumsfeld return to private business following his frustrating experience in Middle East diplomacy.

The *New York Times* yesterday quoted administration officials as saying they are now "more than willing to leave it to the Lebanese and other Arabs to try to work out a solution on their own" in Lebanon.

"We have no desire to broker an agreement that will only cater to Syrian interests," a U.S. official was quoted as telling the newspaper.



Tel Aviv University students boycott classes in protest against the Treasury's proposal to increase tuition fees to \$1,400 per year. The placard in the foreground reads: "Aridor gave, Orgad takes and students go from the frying pan to the fire." Similar protests were held at universities throughout the country. (IPPA)

MESHEL TO HAND

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Meshel said yesterday, "and what should the Histadrut secretary-general do, throw it away? Swallow it?"

He recalled cases in which the Histadrut's Central Control Committee had stopped its investigations and forwarded the material to the attorney-general. The people involved in those investigations also "have children and all have families," he noted. The Histadrut had to accord Levinson the same treatment, he added.

"In some countries there were courts for the poor and separate courts for the rich — but not here."

"If there is to be one law for some people and another law for a leader — this Histadrut will fall apart," he stressed.

The issue was not debated yesterday, but a special Central Committee meeting will discuss the Levinson affair at the end of the seven days of mourning.

Alluding to reports of strained relations with Kassar, now the head of the Trade Union Department as well as permanent acting Secretary General, Meshel said he wished "there was the same basic understanding as exists between me and Kassar in every other Labour union in the world."

"My good friend Kassar,"

Meshel went on, "you will get the job in harmony with me. Don't get yourself indebted to anyone. They're not true friends."

Meshel maintained members pushing for his early retirement were motivated by expectations that Kassar would be indebted to them.

"Maybe it's not good to be an acting Secretary-General for long. But when you are the secretary-general, you will be a target for attacks even by those who now like you so much. Be prepared for that," Meshel advised.

Kassar commented: "I've asked the army to let me keep the flak jacket."

Meshel made it clear he was aware that critics were looking for black spots in his own past, and told Mapam's senior representative Naf-tali Ben-Moshe: "It is a source of honour for me that they could not find any blemish in my life... They will not find many competitors to me in that respect. And how they looked!"

Meshel, who had been sharply attacked by Levinson in an interview he gave shortly before he died, said, "I am the one who should be very calm. I acted with the utmost possible friendship and tried to be honest and fair with a person who incessantly visited my house and my office."

JEMAYEL-ASSAD

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blasts of heavy artillery fire and rockets and machine guns killed six people and wounded 13 others, police said.

Beirut Radio stations reported gun-battles in the Beirut neighbourhoods of Sodeco and Primo — along the demarcation line — and shells falling in the adjacent areas of Ras al-Nabea in West Beirut and Ashrafieh, Fum al-Shubbak and Ain Rummaneh in the east.

The eastern suburbs of Kahaleh and Jamhour were also reported hit by several shells as Lebanese Army troops clashed with Druse militiamen in the mountain areas of Alei and Suk al-Gharb, 15 kilometres east of Beirut.

The command of the Lebanese Forces, a coalition of Christian militia groups dominated by the Phalange Party of Jemayel's father, Pierre, said Christian neighbourhoods were severely bombarded. Unless the firing stopped, its forces would retaliate with a heavy barrage on the heart of Moslem West Beirut, the command warned.

Druse militiamen outside U.S.

Embassy offices on West Beirut's seaford exchanged gunfire yesterday morning with a speedboat of-fishers that also fired on a U.S. helicopter, according to witnesses.

The militiamen, who help U.S. Marines guard the embassy offices, opened up with a 50-calibre machinegun and A-47 automatic rifles, the witnesses said. Gunfire could also be seen coming from the small white boat towards the wide boulevard outside the embassy.

Shazli Klibi, secretary-general of the 22-nation Arab League, arrived in Damascus yesterday and met with Assad and Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam on the Lebanese situation.

Jemayel's national security adviser Wadiah Haddad, returned from a week-long visit to Washington and conferred with the president on the outcome of his talks with U.S. officials.

NO PICK-UP. — The Dan bus cooperative and No. 4 bus driver Zvi Daniel were fined IS10,500 after Daniel was found guilty of failing to pick up passengers on his route through Tel Aviv.

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Ashdod grain silo starts work

Bringing ships and silos together

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

As the \$20 million Dagon company silo in Ashdod began operations this week, experts predicted that the government may soon allow the Ports Authority to spend \$5m. deepening Dagon's berth at Haifa harbour.

Neither the Dagon berth at Haifa nor Ashdod harbour is deep enough to accommodate the larger grain carrying ships.

Indeed, the first ship unloaded into the new Ashdod silo had to stop off in Haifa on the way. There, by means of cranes and grabs, it was "lightened" by some 6,000 tons, to enable it to enter Ashdod harbour.

So far the Treasury has refused to sanction the authority's deepening of the berth, from its own funds, because the Trade Ministry, which

imports the grain, has advised against the expenditure.

However, the Trade Ministry itself made the grain-carrying contract with the shipping companies conditional on their replacing their smaller ships with the much more economical large carriers. It now also recommends the berth deepening in Haifa. "The change over to the bigger ships went ahead faster than we had foreseen," Trade Minister Gideon Patt recently told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The Dagon company and shipping experts have recommended the deepening for several years.

The job would take a year to complete and it is estimated that it would pay for itself within 18 months.

The \$20m. silo was built with the

aid of a \$17m. loan from the U.S. government.

Unloading was started from the 65,000 ton El-Yam company grain carrier, SS Minerva, which brought 48,000 tons of grain. The job is to take at least 12 days.

This is three times as long as is needed by the Dagon silo in Haifa port. The delay is due to the location of the Ashdod silo, two kilometres from the waterfront, which makes it necessary to use cranes and grabs for unloading.

A Dagon spokesman told *The Post* that the company was trying to work a third shift in Ashdod to reduce the waiting time of the ship, which costs thousands of dollars a day. But due to problems getting trucks for night work it was not clear how many night shifts would be possible.

Knesset passes eighth Basic Law

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel took a step toward a completed written constitution yesterday when the Knesset passed Basic Law: Judiciary, the eighth of what will eventually be 11 Basic Laws comprising a constitution.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim predicted yesterday that by the end of 1985, the last of the Basic Laws will be promulgated and that then it will be possible to draw up a constitution. However, he quickly added that political differences between various factions in the Knesset over the substance of Basic Law: Civil Rights, could create serious obstacles in the way of reaching a conclusion to the creation of all the Basic Laws.

Only Mordechai Virshupsky of Shinui voted against the law, which aside from making some minor changes regarding the removal from office of poorly functioning judges, does little to change any of the ex-

isting laws concerning the state's judiciary.

Nissim yesterday told reporters that he expects that the remaining three Basic Laws — Civil Rights, State Comptroller, and Legislation — could all be through the Knesset by the end of 1985. However, he said, the civil rights basic law poses tremendous problems because of "those who believe they can make a revolution in Israel through that law."

He was referring to the ongoing debate between the religious parties and MKs from the liberal-left, who are at loggerheads over the extent to which matters involving religious authorities are to be expressed in the civil rights bill.

The minister emphasized that he sought as wide a consensus as possible for any of the Basic Laws he brings to the Knesset, and it therefore seems unlikely that he'll soon be bringing it to legislation without a broad consensus for the civil rights bill.

The most significant new element in the law passed yesterday was the mandate given to the Judicial Election Committee — a nine-member committee that includes Supreme Court justices, MKs, lawyers and the justice minister — to fire a judge.

It will take a seven-person majority on the Judicial Election Committee to remove a judge from a bench, and the purpose of the law is to enable the committee to remove judges who have been proven to be incompetent.

For breaches of discipline, the judicial disciplinary court has been given new authority to hand down graduated sentences enabling it to reprimand, fine, deny a pension to a judge convicted for breach of discipline.

Yesterday's legislation included, there are now eight Basic Laws: Presidency, Knesset, Government, Land Registry, Economy, Army, Jerusalem, and Judiciary.

Accord on tardy 'bagrut' scores

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Education Ministry and the universities yesterday reached an agreement which will allow students to register at the universities even if they have not yet received their matriculation (bagrut) certificates.

Because of delays in issuing matriculation scores, many potential students would be unable to seek admission to the universities for next fall if this agreement had not been reached. The deadline for submitting applications for admission to the universities is today.

Ministry officials, under orders from Minister Zevulun Hammer, are contacting the Technion, the IDF and other organizations to find experts who can help solve the chronic delays in issuing scores. The minister has told his staff to channel all necessary personnel and resources into this task.



Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir chats yesterday with Juan Antonio Samaranch, head of the International Olympics Committee, who completes an official three-day visit to this country today. Samaranch also called on President Chaim Herzog and Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

MDs rapped for not reporting child abuse

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Physicians are not as helpful as they should be in spotting cases of child abuse and reporting them to the welfare authorities.

This was stated yesterday by Dr. Yanita Tzimir, the head of ELI, the Israel Association for Child Protection, in a discussion of child abuse held by the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee.

Tzimir, who has worked in this field for 15 years, said that hundreds of cases are reported every year to the authorities, but "thousands" are either hidden by parents or pass unrecognized by teachers or medical professionals.

Half the reported cases involve

infants under six months old, she said.

"The very notion of parents inflicting systematic physical or sexual abuse on their children, or deliberately neglecting them, is so monstrous, so repelling, that normal people have difficulty recognizing cases when they are right under their noses," she said.

Indicators of child abuse have been developed, she said, but the medical profession has resisted introducing a reporting procedure in hospitals and clinics. The Education Ministry has also refrained from distributing a list of warning signs to teachers.

The law requires doctors, teachers and welfare professionals

to report suspected cases of child abuse to the welfare authorities, but many professionals do not because they are afraid of violent reactions by the parents or because they do not want to get involved, Tzimir said. Only the most severe cases are passed on to the police, and the rest are supposed to be dealt with through therapy and counseling.

An amendment to the law imposing penalties on professionals who fail to report suspected cases of child abuse has just passed its preliminary reading in the Knesset.

ELI is a non-profit volunteer organization that works for greater public awareness of the problem and counsels parents who turn to it for help.

Couple charged with IS500,000 swindle

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A woman employed as a cashier in a factory display room here and her husband have been charged with stealing goods worth about IS500,000 during the past four years. The pair got rid of the goods through Hamashbir, Latzarchan shops, the charge sheet says.

The charge sheet, presented to the Tel Aviv District Court, claims that Sarita Sherf, 48, while working as a cashier in the Ilex factory's display room stole bedclothes, towels

and other textile products with the help of her husband, Shlomo, aged 49.

The Tel Aviv district prosecutor Aharon Shadar also charges that from August 1983, the couple would go into a Hamashbir Latzarchan shop and ask to exchange for a credit slip or purchase coupon the goods they said they had bought in another shop of the same chain. They then used this coupon or credit slip to buy other goods in the shop.

When making this exchange, they would give false names and addresses, the charge sheet says.

The swindle was uncovered on October 16, 1983 when the husband asked the Hamashbir store in Ashkelon to give him a credit in exchange for a purchase coupon for 10 towels given him by the Ashdod branch. He gave a fake name and address which were spotted by the head of the textile goods department, the charge sheet says.

Room for 100 detainees in B'sheba's new lock-up

BEERSHEBA. — Prisons Commissioner Mordechai Wertheimer this week expressed confidence that Beersheba's new lock-up will be ready in two months, as scheduled. The facility is designed to hold up to 30 men awaiting trial.

However, police sources here said they were not convinced that the new lock-up next to the Beersheba Prison would be ready in time.

Young Artists' Week opened by Herzog

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Young Artists' Week, sponsored by the American-Israel Cultural Foundation to encourage budding musicians, was opened last night at Beit Hanassi by President Chaim Herzog.

Events will take place in five cities and towns, with the main focus this year on chamber music. It is the 12th year in a row that the special week has been held to introduce holders of foundation scholarships to the public at large.

A recital will be held on March 3, with the Israel Philharmonic and young pianist Ilan Rechtman playing Brahms' First Piano Concerto. There will also be a chamber music marathon at the Tel Aviv Museum on March 8.



A Tel Aviv policeman tries his hand at fire-fighting yesterday at a blaze in Mesilat Ha'olim Street which broke out before striking firemen were served with back-to-work orders. (IPPA)

Some TA firemen on job after back-to-work orders

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Striking firefighters here gradually returned back to work yesterday afternoon after being handed back-to-work orders signed on Monday by the interior minister. But by evening, only eight of the 19 firefighters due on duty had arrived for work, while city officials continued searching for the remaining 11 in order to hand them the orders.

Tel Aviv's firefighters launched a general strike Sunday, demanding their pay be raised to equal that of Jerusalem's firefighters.

Before noon yesterday, a fire

broke out in two abandoned wooden huts on Rehov Mesilat Ha'olim in the south of the city. Police called Ramat Gan firefighters for help, but these refused to come "out of solidarity with the Tel Aviv firefighters," municipal sources said. Holon firefighters, who were then called by police, refused, maintaining they had enough problems of their own.

Meanwhile passersby had begun extinguishing the flames using fire hydrants on the street. A truck owner volunteered a hose and policemen joined in. Finally a fire truck from Givatayim arrived and completed the job.

DOLLARIZATION

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had been denounced as a foolish theory concocted by him and his adviser, Dr. Yakir Plessner.

"But those who argued thus in the past can see from the experience acquired since my resignation. Inflation is indeed devouring the devaluation," he said.

He had further been advised that inflation would be halted if the budget were cut, Aridor said, and it is essential today that the budget be cut. He hoped that the government's decision to do this would also be carried out. "But I reject raising taxes as a method of balancing the budget, instead of cutting expenditure."

"That's not a nice thing to say," Aridor said that for all the importance of a trimmed budget, the budget deficit was not the only factor causing inflation. The linkage mechanisms could not be ignored. He explained why not in an instant lesson in economics:

"Devaluation raises prices. Price increases bring wage increases in their train. Wage increases raise costs and prices. Price increases bring about devaluation."

The term "dollarization" might not have been the happiest, but what's in a name, Aridor asked. Call it a currency stabilization plan, call it monetary reform, he said.

The plan called for a halt in the printing of money to cover government deficits and a realistic devaluation followed by stabilization of the exchange rate. Such a devaluation, accomplished in the framework of an overall plan, could be protected, because dollarization would bring inflation down to western levels, Aridor said.

Another element in the plan was a one-time wage erosion, except for the lowest income groups, of about 7 per cent, after which wages would be stable and protected. Since the currency would be stabilized there would be no need to raise the price of subsidized goods every few weeks.

The plan called for the abolition of all linkages, but there would be no need for linkage, since everything would be denominated in dollar terms: wages, prices, the budget and credit. New rules of the game, as practised in the West, would be adopted in the area of wages, too, Aridor said.

"In short," he said, "the plan could simultaneously have worked on inflation and on the balance of payments. And it could have been behind us already, since it was meant to be put into effect by the end of 1983."

One thing the plan did not include was the abolition of Israeli currency, Aridor said. There had been a discussion, never settled, as to whether the dollar would also be legal tender alongside the shekel.

In any case, after the plan had been introduced and proved successful, the shekel would have been replaced by a new Israeli currency, but that would have been a stable currency introduced into a stable economy.

Apart from the unfortunate label of "dollarization," Aridor thought that the plan did not catch on because "here people don't like innovations — innovations must come from Iceland."

In addition, Aridor said, he had been a victim of personal incitement and character assassination. "They accused me of arrogance. I was alone. But being alone is not arrogance. Being alone is the fate of he who does not follow the beaten path."

But, he concluded, if not dollarization, what then? If the Likud did not adopt the plan, the Alignment would.

The debate continues.



A rare gold coin minted by Israel, king of Axos, a Christian state in what is now Ethiopia and dated about 540 CE is now on exhibit at the Israel Museum. This is the only known non-Jewish coin on which "Israel" appears as a personal name. It is spelled out in Greek script interspersed with four crosses on the border of the coin. In the centre is the king's head between two palm fronds. (Israel Museum)

Four being held in water-sabotage case

ACRE. — The water carrier leading to the Hararit look-out settlement in Galilee was sabotaged on Monday night for the second time in recent weeks.

The Galilee District police spokesman said yesterday that four youngsters from Arrabé near Jenin were arrested for questioning.

'Purim Squad' seeks deadly holiday gear

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Seeking to avert what it calls "a possible holiday catastrophe," the Ministry of Industry and Trade this week launched a nationwide campaign aimed at keeping fireworks and dangerous costumes out of the hands of children celebrating Purim. The festival occurs on Saturday night and Sunday, March 17 and 18 (Shushan Purim is on the 18th and 19th).

"A little child wearing a celluloid mask, a flammable fibre wig or bear and a crepe-paper costume, rubbing against a person holding a cigarette could be caught in a death trap," a ministry spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

To avert possible holiday catastrophes, the ministry began a crackdown on unscrupulous importers who bring in merchandise in violation of customs regulations or not in compliance with norms set by the Israel Standards Institute.

"As for firecrackers, Roman candles and similar powder or gel-activated fireworks, it should be noted that their use is permitted only by organizations and institu-

tions, but not by individuals," he added.

Working with customs inspectors, police and municipal workers from several cities, the ministry's "Purim Safety Squad" has already confiscated thousands of flammable masks and costumes — mainly originating in the Far East — and large quantities of fireworks.

While the customs men shift from random to thorough inspections at ports of entry and warehouses, other law-enforcement officials are scouring retail outlets to make sure that last year's merchandise, which may have eluded detection, is not being offered for sale.

The Education Ministry has begun its own campaign of advising children in schools against using the dangerous Purim props.

With a health hazard also lurking in the use of sneezing powder, tear drops and tiny cigarette bombs, the ministry spokesman said: "There are plenty of safe costumes and ear-splitting noisemakers available in shops to make this a happy Purim. But for a few hours of fun it does not make sense to let unsuspecting children endanger their lives or health."

'Sharon played double game in Iran'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Mapam MK Yair Tsaban charged yesterday that former defence minister Ariel Sharon was in contact with senior Iranian generals in the late Shah's army, while at the same time selling weapons and military equipment to the Khomeini regime.

In a statement to the press, Tsaban said the motive of the royalist generals was to seek Israeli assistance in operations to undermine the revolutionary regime.

Tsaban, who issued the statement after the Knesset presidium refused

to grant his request for an urgent plenum debate on Israeli arms sales to Iran and other countries, described the policy of the former defence minister as "cynical, adventurist and scheming."

Tsaban charged that Israel is selling weapons to Iran, even though Iranian fanatics are killing IDF soldiers in Lebanon.

He said the sub-committee on military industries of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee had only once received partial information about arms deals and was not routinely briefed, despite claims to the contrary, by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Petition to demand nat'l traffic police

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A petition demanding the establishment of a national traffic police will be circulated by the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents next week, council officials announced at a press conference here yesterday (Tuesday).

Supreme Court Justice Dov Levin, chairman of the council, said police plans to increase its traffic force are meaningless because these personnel can easily be reassigned to other duties whenever they are

needed. Radar traps and occasional police presence on the roads are not enough, he said.

An obvious and continuous police presence is essential to prevent drivers from breaking the law — not just occasional efforts to catch a few of those who have already committed offenses, Levin said.

"Knesset committees have urged the establishment of a national traffic police, and the police reluctantly agreed to work on it," Levin said. "We want to back them further into the corner by exerting public pressure through this petition."

Chief rabbis issue call for special prayers

Jerusalem Post Staff

Chief Rabbis Mordechai Eliahu and Avraham Shapira have called for the holding of special prayers tomorrow due to the "traffic accidents, serious illnesses, shabbat hatred, terrible lapses in Shabbat observance and shortage of rain" of late.

The prayers will coincide with the eve of Rosh Hodesh Adar II. Worshippers are asked to recite *Avinu Malkeinu* during the morning service, along with Psalms 20, 25, 142, 145 and 130, in that order.

Heads of Arab schools take course in civics

Jerusalem Post Staff

Principals of Arab schools from around the country are this week completing a course sponsored by the Education and Culture Ministry on the subject of civics. The aim of the course is to find better ways to instill good citizenship values in Arab students in Israel.

The 15 principals who participated in the course agreed to convene again in a year's time to report on practical results of the programme.

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Reagan to propose troop cuts in Europe

LOS ANGELES (AP). — President Ronald Reagan has tentatively agreed to a plan that could lead to an agreement with the Soviet Union to reduce troop levels in Eastern Europe, according to a report published yesterday.

Reagan will propose the plan March 16 during troop-reduction talks in Vienna and encourage the Soviets to return to the Geneva nuclear-arms talks, *The Los Angeles Times* reported, quoting unidentified U.S. officials.

The plan, which could eventually lead to a reduction in forces by both NATO and Warsaw Pact nations to equal levels, is being discussed with U.S. allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the newspaper said.

Under the proposal, the U.S. would not pursue the issue of how many troops Warsaw Pact nations have in Eastern Europe if the Soviet

Union allows the U.S. to monitor the reduction with on-site inspections.

In addition, the newspaper reported, Reagan would repeat a previous U.S. offer to withdraw 13,000 American ground troops from Europe if the Soviets withdraw 30,000.

At the same time, the U.S. would accept the Soviets' offer to set up entry and exit posts at key points which would monitor troop movements into and out of the critical Central European theatre.

The Soviets have offered to withdraw 20,000 troops in exchange for the 13,000 Americans. But U.S. and West German officials want 30,000 Soviet troops withdrawn to compensate for the greater distance and time required to send U.S. forces across the Atlantic than for the Soviets to move less than 1,600 kilometres across land.

Asylum-seekers not related to premier, E. Germany says

BERLIN (AP). — East Germany denied yesterday that five East German asylum-seekers holed up inside the West German embassy in Czechoslovakia are related to Premier Willi Stoph.

But the unusual report by the official news agency ADN confirmed that an East German family was inside the Prague mission and acknowledged that Stoph was the wife's maiden name.

The report, titled *An unsuitable attempt*, broke the official silence surrounding the embassy drama, which began last Friday when the three adults and two children entered the embassy and refused to leave unless granted safe passage to the West.

The Bonn government on Saturday confirmed reports in the West

German media that the wife, Ingrid Berg, was the niece of Stoph, No. 2 in the East German leadership.

ADN said that "Hans-Dieter Berg, along with his family, is currently a guest of the West German Embassy in Prague."

The agency said it was informed by "competent authorities" that the Berg family "has no relations at all to Premier Willi Stoph contrary to claims."

ADN carried a lengthy description of Berg's "very eventful life," saying Ingrid Berg "nee Stoph" is his second wife.

ADN also carried a statement from Stoph's office, the Council of State, which labelled the West German media reports about the affair "a campaign of slander" against the premier.

Cut for future reference

Gandhi condemns extremists as Sikh protests continue

NEW DELHI. — More than 75 Sikh militants were jailed in Punjab State for burning part of the Indian constitution yesterday as the prime minister denounced use of the historic Golden Temple as an arsenal and criminals sanctuary.

"Our fight today is against this type of extremism," Indira Gandhi told parliament.

Opposition legislators accused Gandhi of following a "policy of drift" and taking no concrete action to end the Punjab crisis and halt escalating Sikh terrorism.

"Mrs. Gandhi should govern or should resign," declared former foreign minister Atal Vajpayee.

The prime minister criticized militants operating from the Golden Temple in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar for "putting people on the hit list and shooting them one by one."

"The question is whether we should enter the Golden Temple or not, and this is something which we cannot discuss here," she told the ruling lower house.

Sikh militants have threatened a blood bath if police raided the 17th-century shrine, called "golden" because of its gilded copper finish.

The 75 militants were arrested

under India's 1971 Insult To National Honour Act, which prescribes a maximum sentence of three years.

Sikh militants in batches of five to seven staged the constitution-burning demonstrations yesterday outside district courts in Amritsar and five other Punjab cities — Patiala, Sangrur, Ropar, Faridkot and Ludhiana, state officials said.

Nine Sikh leaders were jailed Monday in the Indian capital and in Chandigarh, joint capital of Punjab and Haryana states, for defying the constitution.

Security forces have been on high alert since clashes broke out two weeks ago between Sikh and Hindu extremists over Sikh demands for religious and political concessions in Punjab, where most of India's 12 million Sikhs live.

During the fighting nearly 70 people have died and about 300 have been injured.

Security sources said in a new strategy to stop the violence state police and paramilitary forces plan counter-guerrilla tactics.

"We have deployed our men in ambush squads where we think the terrorists are likely to strike next," (AP, Reuter)

Rebels attack Soviet Embassy in Kabul

ISLAMABAD (AP). — The Soviet Embassy in Kabul was rocketed for the second time this month as Moslem rebels orchestrated attacks on military targets to mark the fourth anniversary of the so-called Kabul uprising in Afghanistan, western diplomatic sources here said yesterday.

In what was described as a "well coordinated" series of attacks on February 20, guerrillas also rocketed the Soviet garrison command headquarters at Darul Aman near the Defence Ministry and a Soviet-built grain silo, according to a report from Kabul.

Insurgents also shelled and burned at least four police posts in the area and planted mines that destroyed about half a dozen troop carriers near a Soviet-built complex

that houses senior government and Soviet officials, the sources said.

The attacks apparently caused little, if any damage, but the sources said there were unconfirmed reports that the Soviet Embassy compound received a direct hit that caused fire to rage for about 30 minutes.

They said Soviet troops responded to the attack on the embassy with rocket fire that destroyed several nearby houses but reportedly caused few casualties.

Stepped up guerrilla activity coincided with the anniversary of protests in Kabul four years ago against Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan. The diplomats said those were "bloodily suppressed" by Soviet troops and helicopter gunships.

Salvadoran rebels blow up train

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — Leftist guerrillas blew up a bridge Monday night, sending parts of a passenger-freight train crashing into a ravine and then sprayed survivors with machine gun fire, a Salvadoran army officer said.

He said at least 18 security policemen aboard the train and an undetermined number of civilians were killed, and an undetermined number of passengers were injured.

Col. Jaime Flores, head of the Salvadoran Army 1st Brigade, said the train was en route from

Metapan to San Salvador, 111 kilometres to the northwest. He said the incident occurred about 80 km. north of the capital in a sugar-growing area where the guerrillas are fairly strong.

"Eighteen of the 20 Treasury Police on board were killed or wounded as well as an unknown number of civilians," Flores said. "It was a civilian train. The military has no trains."

The Treasury-Police routinely ride trains for security in this Central American nation, torn by a four-year-old civil war.

Airport closed after 60 die in riots

LAGOS (Reuters). — The airport of the northeastern Nigerian city of Yola was closed to all flights, and motorists entering and leaving the city were searched after more than 60 people were reported killed in riots there on Monday.

A film, broadcast by state-run television late Monday night, showed burning buildings and pavements strewn with bodies.

It showed bodies of people allegedly hacked to death by rioters thought to be followers of a fundamentalist Moslem, Muhammadu Marwa Maitatsine, who died in riots three years ago.

Paramilitary police battled all day to quell the unrest, while army units were on standby in case the police needed reinforcement, the television said. Three policemen were among those reported killed.

Sen. Hollings triumphs in Dixville Notch

DIXVILLE NOTCH, New Hampshire (AP). — U.S. Senator Ernest Hollings, one of eight major Democratic presidential contenders, won the vote in Dixville Notch yesterday as its 27 voters cast the nation's first presidential ballots of 1984.

Among Democrats casting the votes in the New Hampshire primary at midnight, Hollings received three votes. Former vice-president Walter Mondale had two votes, while Senator Gary Hart of Colorado and former Florida governor Reubin Askew had one each.

Continuing its quadrennial tradition, the sparsely populated mountain hamlet cast its votes in the New Hampshire primary just after midnight, making its votes the first results reported.

Every president since Dwight Eisenhower has won in his party's primary in New Hampshire.

Most of New Hampshire's voting polls were to open at 7 a.m. and to close at 6 p.m., with stations in all 298 precincts to close by 8 p.m. The first substantial results were expected at 4 a.m. today Israel time.

Man gets 461 years plus life for 17 murders

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (Reuters). — A local businessman will spend the rest of his life in prison for killing 17 prostitutes and topless dancers.

Robert Hansen, 45, confessed in court yesterday that he murdered the women over a 10-year period starting in 1973 and dumped their bodies in the Alaska wilderness.

Hansen, owner of an Anchorage bakery, was sentenced in Superior Court to 461 years plus life without possibility of a parole.

Hansen pleaded guilty to the first degree murder of four women whose bodies have been found.

He agreed to help investigators locate the remains of the 13. At the time of his confession, Hansen was in jail on charges of kidnapping and raping a 17-year-old prostitute.

Her allegations after her escape sparked renewed investigations into the disappearances of more than a dozen women from bars and clubs.

The prostitute who escaped from Hansen said he raped her several times and then chained her to a post while he slept for several hours. She escaped as he tried to put her into an airplane to fly her out to the wilderness.

Aviation experts release report on downed airliner: 'USSR didn't try to identify Korean plane'

MONTREAL (Reuters). — The Soviet Union made no attempt to identify a straying South Korean airliner before shooting it down last September with the loss of 269 lives, a team of UN aviation experts said on Monday.

Soviet fighters sent up to intercept the plane also failed to position themselves alongside so that the South Korean pilot could see them clearly, the report from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) said.

ICAO's air navigation commission said: "There is no evidence of any attempt to identify the aircraft."

clusions on air-to-ground communication records, said these gave no clear indication that the intercepting aircraft had positioned itself within view of the pilot of the airliner.

"It is of paramount importance for the intercepting aircraft to ensure that it attracts the attention of the pilot-in-command of the civil aircraft," it said.

Monday's report was basically the commission's comments on the findings of an ICAO investigation team that visited the Soviet Union late last year.

The commission said it was difficult to validate or endorse a theory of the investigating team that the

NEWS IN BRIEF

Avalanches claim five lives in Austria on weekend

VIENNA (AP). — Avalanches killed five people in western Austria during the weekend, police reported.

On Monday, a group of students was hit by a snowslide near Liezen, Styria province. While several skiers freed themselves or were dug out by rescuers, a 20-year-old woman was retrieved in critical condition and died in hospital, officials said.

Eastern half of U.S. socked by high winds, heavy snow

NEW YORK (AP). — Storms fuelled by 80 kilometres per hour winds savaged the eastern U.S. yesterday, smothering the area in up to 53 centimetres of wet snow and causing turmoil on interstate highways clogged with drifts and abandoned vehicles.

Chunks of ice stacking up two metres high crashed into beachfront homes on Lower Michigan's Lake Huron.

Snow fell at the rate of 5 centimetres an hour in western Pennsylvania and New York, where on law enforcement official said rescuers had to "bang through the drifts" to reach stranded motorists.

Heavy thunderstorms and tornadoes whipped across Florida Monday — uprooting trees, destroying mobile homes and downing power lines.

Adulterous couple sentenced to death by stoning

ABU DHABI (Reuters). — An Indian man and a Sri Lankan woman have been sentenced to be stoned to death after being convicted of committing adultery, a prosecutor in a town 160 kilometres east of here said yesterday.

He said the man, identified only as Kondela, 27, and the now-pregnant woman, Shahila, 25, had admitted having sexual intercourse several times.

The sentence by the Islamic sharia court has to be ratified by the chief sharia justice and the head of state.

Under Islamic law, the two face death by stoning for adultery. They would have received 100 lashes each if they had been unmarried, the prosecutor said.

He said that if the sentence were approved, the woman would be allowed time to deliver and feed her baby if no other woman could be found to feed the child.

Second man charged in UK slaying of Indian diplomat

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP). — A second man has been charged with kidnapping Indian diplomat Ravindra Mhatre, who was found shot to death three weeks ago, police said yesterday.

The suspect was to be arraigned later in the day at a hearing in which Abdul Quayyum Raja, a 27-year-old Kashmiri charged on Saturday, was also to appear, a police spokesman said.

In Saturday's appearance in this northwest England city, Raja was not asked to plead and no application for bail was made.

Mhatre, 48, was assistant commissioner at the Indian consulate in Birmingham. His body was found on February 5 on a farm near Hinckley, 48 kilometres northeast of Birmingham.

Swedish Navy lobs grenades in search for alien subs

STOCKHOLM (AP). — The Swedish Navy hurled hand grenades and fired machinegun bullets into the water Monday in the 18th day of operations against suspected alien submarines and divers inside a secret naval base.

The action followed detonation of "a relatively heavy explosive charge" late Sunday night in the Karlskrona archipelago of southeastern Sweden, said Jan-Ake Berg, a defence staff press officer. Press reports said the charge was detonated in the entrance channel to Karlskrona harbour.

The search area is only a few kilometres from the spot where the Soviet Whiskey class submarine U-137, which the Swedes say probably was carrying nuclear-tipped torpedoes, ran aground in October 1982.

Cairo U. students demonstrate against campus police

CAIRO (AP). — Several hundred Cairo University students yesterday demonstrated peacefully on campus for the fourth time this month for the removal of campus police.

Amr Adib, a mass-communications junior, said the demonstrations were in protest over an incident Monday when a dean allegedly struck a student who tried to stop him from pulling down a banner.

The students claim the police have gone beyond providing security and now have a veto over any student activity, from approvals for cultural and sports events to deciding who can speak publicly.

The students started demonstrating last Tuesday, and they say they will continue until their demands are met.

Egyptian border police seize \$7.5 million worth of drugs

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egyptian frontier forces recently seized narcotics worth \$7.5 million, the semi-official daily newspaper *Al-Ahram* reported.

The unspecified drugs, brought from Lebanon, were impounded in an ambush at Maryut Lake near Egypt's Mediterranean coast, and 40 smugglers were arrested, *Al-Ahram* said in today's edition.

British workers hold one-day walkout

LONDON (AP). — Thousands of British workers staged a one-day strike yesterday to protest against Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's union ban at a government spy centre.

The so-called "Day of Action" protest, backed by Britain's 11.5-million member Trades Union Congress, was called to protest against the banning of union membership at the government communications headquarters in Cheltenham. The ban becomes effective tomorrow.

It was to have been a half-day protest, allowing workers to attend more than 100 rallies nationwide. But many elected to take the whole day off.

The stoppages began before dawn when engineers, conductors, and newspaper loaders left their jobs at London's Paddington Station, halting delivery of London papers to western England.

The stoppage quickly spread to other British rail terminals. By mid-morning, officials said 70 per cent of all services were either delayed or cancelled.

In the northwest port of Liverpool, bus drivers went on strike, stranding thousands of commuters.

Rome synagogue suspect jailed in Greece

ATHENS (AP). — A criminal court on Monday handed down a 20-month jail sentence to a Jordanian student who is sought by Italian police for alleged involvement in a bloody attack on Rome's main synagogue two years ago, a court spokesman said.

Abdel Osama al-Zomor, 23, who has already spent 15 months in jail since his arrest, was found guilty of illegal possession of explosives, the spokesman said.

The five-member court dropped criminal charges of smuggling after al-Zomor claimed the explosives were intended for the Palestinian Liberation Organization and not for terrorist attacks in Greece.

Italy last year demanded al-Zomor's extradition on charges of complicity in the handgrenade attack by five men at the Rome synagogue in October 1982, which killed a 2-year-old boy and injured 32 people.

Sports

Tennis rankings

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israelis Amos Mansdorf and Shahar Perkis are bracketed together in 270th place in the latest Association of Tennis Professionals singles rankings, which include a total of some 1,200 players.

Shlomo Glickstein is 38th in the standings, but he will climb to between 30th and 35th place in the next list by virtue of reaching the quarter-finals in the \$250,000 Grand Prix in La Quinta, California, a fortnight ago.

Glickstein was \$99,964 in prize money in ATP competition last year, about \$900 less than in 1982. The final 1983 table of the Prize Money Board — which extended to last January to include the Volvo Grand Masters in Stockholm and the Volvo Grand Masters in London, with \$1,747,132. American John McEnroe and Mats Wilander of Sweden follow Lendl in turn, each with earnings of about \$600,000 less than the Czech star.

Zola won't wed to win Olympics

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP). — A former British marathon runner who offered to marry South African teen-age track star Zola Budd to give her British citizenship and a chance of Olympic glory has been turned down by the 17-year-old runner.

Henry Allen, a 65-year-old widower from Hopwood near Birmingham, proposed to Budd to enable her to take up British citizenship. As a South African, she is barred from all international competition, including the Olympic Games.

Commenting in Stellenbosch, South Africa, on January 5, Budd rejected Mr. Allen's offer. She said she was not interested in his nationality, but in the American's record of 15:50.85 for the mile, still stands as the world's official best time.

Budd, from Bloemfontein, is in her first year at university studying to become a teacher.

Her refusal to take up Allen's offer of marriage was widely reported in the *Evening Mail* newspaper.

"Naturally, I was not thinking of marriage in the true sense of the word," said Allen. "I just wanted to help her sporting career."

Newsweek kayos Pep

NEW YORK (AP). — Willie Pep won almost every match he fought while he was the world's best featherweight boxer during the 1940s, but now he has lost a big one, a lawsuit to prove he did not throw a controversial fight 30 years ago.

After a two-week trial, the jury made its decision Monday following 15 minutes of deliberation. The verdict: Pep failed to prove he was "felled" in a magazine article that said he threw a February 26, 1954 fight against Lulu Perez.

Pep, now 61 and still trim, is a former world featherweight champion, who was 229 lbs; lost just 11 and did not return to the ring.

He had filed a \$75m suit in Federal Court here charging he had been libelled in a July 1982 article about "The Fix" in *Inside Sports* magazine, then published by *Newsweek*, incorporated.

The article did not mention Pep's name — it talked about "the fix" — but he testified he knew right away it was about him and his fight with Perez. He denied throwing the fight.

In order to win his case, Pep needed to prove by "clear and convincing evidence" that the magazine article was false and written with malice. The jury never had to rule on the malice question.

Moses is tops

INDIANAPOLIS (AP). — World champion hurdler Edwin Moses was named winner on Monday of 1983's James E. Sullivan Memorial award for the top U.S. amateur athlete.

Moses, 31, of California, who won 16 straight in his 100-metre hurdle race, including the U.S. Olympic gold medal in 1976, has won a total of 10 consecutive victories in the 400m hurdle, including the world record of 47.02, that he says he hopes to continue until it tops the century mark.

King is the king

NEW YORK (AP). — Bernard King scored 13 of his 30 points during a 15-4 New York victory in the first quarter, and the Knicks defeated a late rally by Atlanta for a 96-92 National Basketball Association victory over the Hawks on Monday night.

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Front-line avant-garde

By ELI KAREV/Special to The Jerusalem Post

MUSIC HISTORIANS of the future may find it worth their while to consider the striking role played by Hungarian expatriates — quite a few among them of Jewish life. Imagine the scene without Sir Georg Solti, Eugene Ormandy, Louis Kentner, George Szell, Ilona Kabos, Joseph Szigeti, and so on. Ligeti's musical culture, too, was nurtured from the cradle by Hungarian immigrants — Oedon Pálos, Ilona Vincze, Ilona Feher, Lorand and Alice Fényves.

György Ligeti, who at 61 represents the younger generation, left Hungary in 1956 to become an acknowledged leader of the international musical avant-garde. His current visit to Israel has occasioned a veritable Ligeti festival in everything but name, what with universities, music academies, performing bodies and concert series, including one another in featuring the music of Ligeti, lectures by Ligeti, colloquia with Ligeti.

On his third day in Jerusalem, Ligeti appears tired but happy. The telephone in his Mishkenot Sha'ananim apartment rings constantly. "I barely got off the plane, and it began. So many good friends here," he smiles by way of apology, and some I haven't seen for 30 years.

Ligeti's first composition saw light when he was 18. Called "Kin-heret," the song was based on a text by Rabel. "I was in the Hahonim youth movement in Transylvania, and we were meant to come here, but fate willed differently."

The song was the youth's winning entry in a Jewish musical competition which, incongruously, was prompted by the isolation forced on Jewish activity in Hungary. Ligeti remained in that country, composing fairly conventional works.

From the early fifties, though, I carried quite different music in my imagination. I was after long, static sound clusters, with no melody and rhythm to speak of. What I lacked was the technical know-how to realize and implement my vision."

After 1956, the modern musical language of the West provided the tools, and his *Articulation*, *Apparitions*, and *Atmospheres* produced a stir, propelling Ligeti into the front line of the avant-garde.

While acknowledging his fascination with the ideas of Boulez, Stockhausen and Koenig, Ligeti does not see himself as a bona fide avant-gardist. "I did belong to the serialist movement, but not that much, really. Avant-garde, with the military roots of the term, means a closed, fighting group; my purpose was to break through the walls of it and to write music which was really

my own. Anyway, the term has lost much of its potency today."

LIGETI'S STYLE has not remained static. "When I feel that what I do turns into a cliché — I change. To me, style is something that flows, transforms. It depends on so many factors, not least on the ideas, politics and culture that surround us."

He wants, however, to be a very complicated and complex composer. In his musical language, Ligeti continues to search for "very rich fabric, transparent, multi-coloured texture, with an important role reserved for harmony — albeit not of the tonal type."

He is excited about the possibilities offered by the micro-intervals as well as by some elements of the ethno-musicological research. "Did you hear the Ethiopian monks sing?" Ligeti says, his grey eyes lighting up with excitement. "They are stunning: such melodic line with hidden polyphony in it. I ran into them today, by chance; it is a must!"

This is Ligeti's first professional visit to Israel (he has been here once privately). Invited by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and by Albert Wassener, the director of the Goethe Institute in Israel, he is to attend musical events for two weeks, after which he plans to stay on privately with his wife and son, meeting friends and seeing the country.

Is Ligeti concerned with the accessibility of his music to the general public? "My music can be approached on two levels," he says. "On the more emotional level, one can relate to it without understanding the process — just like relating to a speech in a strange language. It is not as incomprehensible as it may seem; the emotional content can be quite obvious. The more advanced listener can also understand what goes on — not how I write, this is quite unimportant, but the inner logic of the composition. I think in this respect my works are not much more difficult than music by past composers. The late Beethoven quartets, for one, are very difficult, although they are tonal. Of course, I do not write for amusement, but my music is not all that hard either."

SINCE 1956, Ligeti has made three visits to Hungary. They perform him there nowadays, as they do many contemporary Westerners. Obviously not excommunicated, Ligeti is seen and treated in Hungary as somebody who was born but does not belong there. "I belong nowhere: a Hungarian Jew, an Austrian citizen, and a professor



György Ligeti: "When I feel that what I do turns into a cliché — I change." (Aliza Auerbach)

in Germany. Perhaps I want it that way," he adds after a moment's reflection.

György Ligeti places great hope in such scientific developments as the computer and artificial intelligence. The direct application of technology to music is of little interest to him; however, just as his complex polyphony would not have been possible without his knowledge of, and experience in, the electronic processes, so a com-

pletely new way of thinking may be stimulated by the scientific advances. "But it is just a belief, of course."

What message does his music carry? "The message of my music is the message of art. I do not compose for educational or social purpose, and certainly not in order to be successful. For me, doing the thing is more important than what people think of it."

Looking back in fondness

By DAVID TWERSKY
Special to The Jerusalem Post

The teachers were a mixed lot: some genuine scholars, always remembered with affection; some eccentrics, only appreciated too late. A French teacher had abandoned the public school system over a "loyalty oath." Years later we met on the subway in Brooklyn, and he defended the Stalin-Hitler pact to me. There was an ex-Israeli who complained bitterly about Israel, and the *maskil*, who combined a commitment to the labyrinthine passageways of Hebrew grammar with a love of Hebrew literature and of the human spirit.

WE HAD to hit those books, and pass exams which tested our grasp of Robert Frost and Rav Ahi, Agnon and Cicero, negative numbers and Rambam. Endless *dikduk* tests, Latin conjugations, recitals of Walt Whitman's "O Captain, My Captain" and Bialik's "City of Slaughter."

But we also had our all-American "jock" side. Ramaz had a basketball team in the IV League (Inter-Yeshiva) and actually won the

championship in 1964 in double overtime at Madison Square Garden.

How well did Ramaz prepare us for the world? That world was itself changing, even as we thought we were finally ready to take it on. Even if the destination remained a secret, Ramaz equipped us for the journey with an in-depth appreciation of Jewish sources. It exposed us to both classical and modern general culture. During a transit system strike in 1966, I couldn't get to school, and attended a local public high school for a week. I found it no less intelligent or broad-minded; but no more so.

The education Ramaz offered, its combination of depth and breadth, earned the scorn of more traditional talmudic academies, but it was an educational and philosophical statement about our ability to flourish in two cultures, one that needs to be expanded on and defended, both to those who would turn their backs on the past and those who close their eyes to the future.

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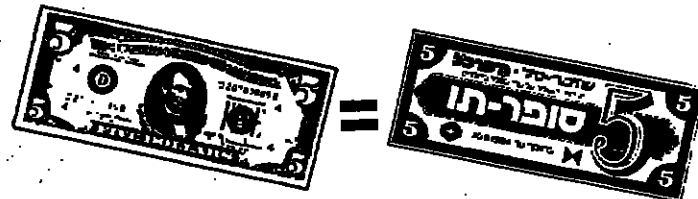
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Daring choices

MUSIC

VICTOR DEREVIANKO, pianist. (Tel Aviv Museum, February 25) Beethoven: Sonata opus 10, No. 3; Schumann: Symphonic Etudes; Prokofiev: Sonata No. 8, Opus 84.

IMPROBABLE as this might seem, the piano sonatas by Beethoven — perhaps the most celebrated collection in music literature — include some works that hardly ever make it to the concert stage. One such is the Sonata Opus 7. Strikingly romantic, it is pianistic, challenging and virtually unknown. Nor can Prokofiev's Eighth Sonata be counted among performers' favorites, lacking as it does the immediate effectiveness of its famous predecessor, the Seventh. A long, epic composition, it is permeated by brooding reflection, with the sardonic last movement putting the overall lack of cheer into even starker relief.

Victor Derevianko deserves full credit for these unconventional and rewarding choices. His playing, similarly, reflected a serious, dedicated attitude. A champion of broad, painterly strokes and dim sonorities, the pianist was at his best when pondering the dark mysteries of the Beethoven slow movement and dealing with the bitter-sweet poignancy of the Prokofiev. Sonorous upheavals in the music were kept under steady technical and intellectual control.

In the less exalted passages, however, Derevianko's sound lacked the bright energy necessary to transmit the minute changes of colour and melody shape. The dynamic developments could become two-dimensional, the volume fluctuating from the soft to the loud in a repetitive pattern. This regularity made the 17 pieces of Schumann's *Symphonic Etudes* sound rather too much like one another. The rhythmic flexibility, while often appropriate and convincing, verged on exaggeration in the Beethoven.

Since the sound quality remains the all-important component of a music performance, the unhelpful — not to say detrimental — role of the instrument in the Kaufman auditorium must be noted. That piano recitals in Tel Aviv should

take place under such adverse conditions is indefensible.

ELI KAREV

MOTI SCHMITT, violin, with Daniel Ben-Zukim at the piano (YMCA Auditorium, Jerusalem, February 23, Mendelssohn: Theme & Variations (1932); Schmitt: Sonatina, in A minor, D. 381; (1825); Weber: Four Pieces, Opus 7 (1916); Beethoven: Sonata No. 4, in A minor, Opus 23 (1806); Paderewski: Three Miniatures (1959); Dvorak: Kol Nidrei (1975); Shostakovich: Preludes.

THIS PROGRAMME stood out for originality, contrasting rather unknown 20th century music with classics; and rounding it off was an Israeli composition.

The performances demonstrated Moti Schmitt's curiosity about out-of-the-way compositions and his easy grasp of peculiarities inherent in the styles of the various and widely varying composers chosen. His technical facilities serve him well in all situations, and his musicality provides emotional and intelligent substance to his interpretations.

Daniel Ben-Zukim collaborated most effectively with the violinist and contributed fluent pianistic and restrained dynamics to the team.

Dorfmann's "Kol Nidrei," for violin solo, is a mixture of the traditional liturgical *melos* and elaborate meditations on the prayer's connotations, often leading to violinistic extravaganzas, bordering on brilliant concert passages. But one cannot judge from a one-time performance how much is the composer's and what the soloist added, given leeway by the composer for aleatoric freedom.

The rather great length seems to weaken its impact, and the device to let the violinist occasionally pronounce words from the prayer over the music may sound more like a gimmick than adding to the music's content. Moti Schmitt's obvious dedication to his task of serving the composer's intentions serves as further proof of his sincerity and devotion in the service of music. Further recitals of this sort would be most welcome though a more intimate venue would surely enhance the emotional experience and enrichment of an audience.

YOHANAN BOEHM

Profit-taking easily absorbed

TEL AVIV. — An unexpected wave of profit-taking overtook the share market yesterday but sellers found that there was plenty of demand and in more than a few instances buyers were prepared to pay higher prices.

While most observers had expected that profit-taking would emerge "sooner or later," the fact that it came "sooner" caught them off guard. The net result was that the market, as measured by its statistics, was nearly unchanged. The General Share Index was up by a minuscule 0.01 per cent, but most sectors actually turned lower.

Volatility statistics, however, pointed out more clearly that there was profit-taking. There were 20 "sellers only" situations, while only six "buyers only" situations.

Moreover, 104 equities fell by five per cent or more, while major winners numbered 47.

The "major swinger of the day" award was bestowed on **Solid Boneh** and **Ofra**. The former soared by no less than 39.1 per cent, while the latter collapsed by 32.2 per cent.

All in all, analysts were well satisfied with the performance of the market. Many had feared that if the current price rises had continued for another session or so, the stage could have been set for a major sell-off. The rationale was quite simple and based on the old adage that "the faster they rise, the faster they fall." Therefore, it is preferable to have orderly gains and orderly retreats.

In general, there was an underlying atmosphere of optimism. Behind the optimism and underpinning the recent market strength are the vast sums of money accumulated in short-term deposit accounts, as well as the ongoing redemptions of index-linked bonds. These have been estimated to be in the order of IS25 billion.

Furthermore, a closer look at the market statistics indicates that there is a willingness to buy shares at current prices. There are many such examples, but focusing on **Hadarim Properties**, one has a good case in point. Prior to trading in these shares there were sell-orders in the amount of IS1.76 million nominal value, or a cash counter-value of IS5.5 million. The shares were snapped up without any change in price.

A number of financial managers, in discussions with *The Jerusalem Post*, have pointed out that they have difficulty in accumulating 10 per cent positions in given equities. By virtue of owning minimum 10 per cent positions investment companies are released from capital

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

gains taxes. On the other hand, they have seen that good-sized blocks of shares, in a rising market, only change hands at substantial price premiums. This supports the opinion of those who point to a "scarcity" of stocks.

Trading turnovers in the share market for the second consecutive session topped the IS1 billion mark. In the index-linked bond market, the general upward trend of recent sessions continues and gains of up to three per cent were recorded in the various groups.

The shekel was devalued by 97 agorot against the dollar. The dollar, on its part, continued to weaken against European currencies, especially the German mark.

Bank shares part of the "agreement" were on the upside, with scattered gains of up to 1.4 per cent.

The Maritime Bank saw its 0.1 shares advance by 12.5 per cent, while the 0.5 shares were 5.9 per cent higher. Danot 1 was unchanged, while the 0.5 shares eased by 3.5 per cent. The shares of the First International Bank, which have advanced by tens of percentage points in recent sessions, backed off by a modest three per cent.

Mortgage bank issues were lower, as **Jaysour** was down 10.1 per cent. One of the few winners was **Binayon**, which picked up a 10 per cent advance.

In the specialized financial institutions sector the shares of the Industrial Development Bank reacted to good financial results and skipped ahead by 15 per cent. Others in the group were mostly mixed, in a

range of four per cent, in either direction.

One of the two sectors which was clearly higher was that of insurance companies. **Ararat** led the way as its 0.1 shares gained 18.6 per cent and the 0.5 issue was 15.3 per cent higher. **Yardenia** 0.1 gained a full 10 per cent.

The service and trade group, traditionally one of the more volatile sectors, was off by 2.2 per cent. The options, however, ran counter to the trend. The **Yahalom Hotels** option gained 34 per cent, while the **Ya'ane Computers** option was 22 per cent to the good.

Not only was there no profit-taking in the land development, real estate and citrus plantation group, but prices moved higher. **Cohen Development** and **Mishael** were up by more than 17 per cent.

Industrials moved lower. **Elron Electronics** was down by nearly nine per cent. **Spectronix** 5, a recent solid gainer, was down by 120 per cent. **Aril** was down 8.9 per cent. **Clal Electronics** was 4.2 per cent easier. **Fertilizers** 0.1 returned to winning ways and picked up a 10 per cent gain.

Investment company issues, the recent "darlings" of the investment community, were marginally lower. In spite of marked selling pressures, the shares of the **Israel Corporation** traded unchanged. **Discount Investments**, also a recent major winner, saw its bearer shares remain unchanged, while the registered backed off by a modest 2.3 per cent. **Hiron** 1, despite very heavy selling pressures, traded unchanged, while the **Hiron** 5 shares were 6.3 per cent improved.

Oil shares were slightly lower.

Most active stocks

Leumi	2320	143,209.0m.	n.c.
Hapoalim	2635	108,094.0m.	n.c.
Bank Leumi	5255	31,795.0m.	n.c.
Shares traded		151,009.6m.	
Convertible		153.3m.	
Bonds		15752.0m.	

Gold, oil prices rise after Kharg Island attack

NEW YORK (Reuters). — The prices of gold and oil products rose sharply yesterday after Iraq said its warplanes had bombed tankers berthed at Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal.

From trading as low as \$393.10 an ounce yesterday, gold rose to \$402.50 — the first time it exceeded \$400 since December 11 — before settling back to \$401.50.

Prices of all petroleum commodities on the New York Mercan-

Kharg Island attack

tile Exchange rose after the statement by an Iraqi military spokesman in Baghdad.

Mizrahi bank open

TEL AVIV. — The Bank Mizrahi outlet in downtown Haifa will be open this afternoon to allow customers to pay income tax, National Insurance and other bills, which must be paid before the end of the month. Most banks are closed on Wednesday afternoon.

LONDON BANK RATES

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Bank base rate	9	9
Call money	9 1/4	9 1/4
91-day Treasury	8 1/4	8 1/4
3-months Interbank	9 1/4	9 1/4

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Bank of Israel exchange rates

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U.S. dollar	136.42
British sterling	203.20
German mark	52.399
French franc	17.00
Dutch guilder	46.425
Swiss franc	63.152
Swedish krona	17.537
Norwegian krone	18.177
Danish krone	14.283
Finnish mark	24.237
Canadian dollar	108.96
Australian dollar	128.75
South African rand	113.51
Belgian franc (10)	74.301
Austrian schilling (10)	84.272
Italian lire (100)	58.539
Japanese yen (100)	161.08
Spanish peseta (100)	91.281
Jordanian dinar	362.88
Lebanese lira	22.270
Egyptian pound	119.37

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Boutique warriors

YESTERDAY'S bomb outrage in Jerusalem, coinciding with PLO chief Yasser Arafat's renewed dialogue with King Hussein in Amman, draws attention again to the nature of the PLO. It is very eager to pose as a legitimate national movement aspiring to achieve its goals through essentially political means. At the same time it is an unabashed terror organization that has no qualms about taking such targets as a Jaffa Road boutique.

In the mid-70's Chairman Arafat embarked on a diplomatic offensive against Israel that earned him increasing international acceptance as he distanced himself from the terror tactics of the late 60's and the early 70's. But this did not interfere with his employment of such supposedly legitimate means of "armed struggle" as firing rockets on Nahariya.

Moreover, Arafat did nothing to discipline the more radical elements within the PLO, headed by such as George Habash and Naef Hawatme, who remained committed to the old terror tactics, which continued unabated.

Yasser Arafat, while careful not to associate himself too closely with bloody acts of terror which might tarnish his emergent new image, nevertheless was just as careful not to condemn these acts or to take their authors to task for them. Last December, apparently eager to prove that he had not entirely lost the military option in the wake of the Lebanon debacle, Arafat rushed to claim credit for the bombing of bus No. 18 in Jerusalem, which he sought to present as an attack on a military target. He disavowed responsibility for it only when it became clear that the killing of women and children was counter-productive to his quest for respectability.

Authorship of yesterday's attack on the Jerusalem boutique has been claimed by Hawatme's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine — the same organization that was responsible for the outrage in Maalot in 1974.

Naef Hawatme has been one of Yasser Arafat's staunchest allies in the PLO power struggle that all but caused the Fatah chief's demise in Lebanon last year. For this reason it might have been expected that there would be some comment coming from Arafat this time either disavowing or supporting the act. But the silence has been resounding. Yasser Arafat keeps himself in the diplomatic spotlight, leaving his underlings free to engage in the less "respectable" side of the PLO's struggle in the shadows.

Cohen-Orgad's secret

HAVING PRESENTED a fiscal budget that says little more than that the government will spend as much as the Treasury sees fit, and a national budget that contains no economic programme, the finance minister went to Washington to explain how he intends to put our economic house in order.

That is more than Mr. Cohen-Orgad has revealed to the cabinet, to the Knesset, and to the Israeli public in general. Considering that the U.S. Congress has just contributed another \$250 million to bailing out our economy, the Americans have first call on being told what our government plans to do for the country.

It seems, however, that the minister has no great message for Washington either. What he has reportedly told the U.S. officials and academics who have interrogated him is that he, and the government for which he speaks, mean to have controlled austerity now and controlled growth later. Where next year's growth — controlled or uncontrolled — is to come from, and how it is to be set in motion, must be one of Mr. Cohen-Orgad's most closely guarded secrets. Neither his fiscal nor his national budget reveals what policy measures are to be directed to that end, and what resources are to be allocated to it.

Perhaps Mr. Cohen-Orgad will be able to convince the Americans that, by the rule that everything that goes down is bound to go up again, the Israeli economy will start growing again all by itself, if only, in the immediate future, it undergoes the therapy of a recession. That, of course, is also to be "controlled".

However, even Mr. Cohen-Orgad's ability to impose an austerity regime — controlled or otherwise — is in doubt.

According to the latest data published by the Bank of Israel, Mr. Cohen-Orgad's first three months in office have shown little sign of his ability to reduce government spending. In the last quarter of 1983 alone, the government injected the staggering amount of IS210 billion into the economy — out of a total of IS200b. in the whole of 1983. In January, the government printed IS20b., and in February the figure may reach IS30b.

Even if that trend is going to change, not everything depends on government spending. The public's behaviour with respect to consumption and savings also determine whether there is going to be a recession, how deep it is going to be, and how long it will last. And the public — at least a segment of it sufficiently large and affluent to affect the aggregate level of consumption significantly — seems to insist on keeping up its customary standards of living, and to reduce its savings for that purpose.

The bunched, this year, of government obligations that have matured will inject a high degree of liquidity into the economy, adding to the fuel of liquidity supplied by the government's excess demand. If the Treasury has any serious plan to cope with that problem and the trend towards falling savings, it has not yet revealed that either.

POSTSCRIPTS

A SYSTEM to mark and identify Tora scrolls was revealed in New York recently at a press conference by Rabbi Israel Miller, honorary chairman of the Universal Torah Registry (UTR).

The system, using micro-perforations, marking paste and a certificate of registry, is the culmination of nearly three years of research by chemists, cryptologists, computer scientists and security experts. Their search was guided by principles laid down by leading rabbinic authorities, Miller said.

Miller said the aim is to ensure that each Tora in the world has a unique code and a corresponding certificate of registry.

The UTR was created in consultation with synagogue, rabbinic, communal and law enforcement

groups coordinated by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, in response to a rash of thefts across the U.S. and around the world. The system is expected to be implemented in Israel, Europe and other parts of the world.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the JCRC, said: "We were faced with scores of Tora thefts in the metropolitan area, and even if the police have a lead they find that Tora cannot be identified. We recognized the compelling need for an approach that would protect synagogues and others owning Tora, discourage thieves and so do away with a potential market."

According to JCRC officials, prices for a Tora scroll range from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Stolen scrolls are sold to unsuspecting congregations, according to law-enforcement officials.

Labour after Levinson

By ASHER WALLFISH

The turmoil following the suicide of Ya'acov Levinson in the Labour Party has already started to subside.

Some of the initial reactions to Levinson's death have come to seem highly emotional, if not hysterical. Party leaders and blocs have called for restraint.

Attempts by a few Labourites to use the Levinson suicide as a lever to bring about changes in the management of the Histadrut are likely to have some results over the next few weeks, though a major reorganization is not expected.

The Levinson tragedy is not a suitable starting point for promoting party influence in the Histadrut, since Levinson worked in the contrary direction, and to some degree shook party shackles off Bank Hapoalim.

Attempts in the wake of the suicide to raise Yitzhak Navon to prominence in the party at the expense of party chairman Shimon Peres and his rival Yitzhak Rabin are expected to splutter out in the near future since neither Peres nor Rabin are involved in the Levinson affair. Nor are they squabbling at present, and are thus not offering the pro-Navon school any easy pretext to say "a plague on both your houses."

Outside Labour, the future is harder to predict. Internal party tur-

moil can be leashed, but public opinion cannot be controlled.

The complacency felt lately in Labour, thanks to the party's showing in the opinion polls, could easily evaporate if the public sees the Levinson affair as a black mark against Labour in general. If Labour's standing in opinion polls slips, party members will cast about for a gimmick, and the movement advocating Navon as Labour's most effective electoral card will again gather momentum.

The middle-aged membership in Labour has several figures who feel that propelling Navon to the top would open up cracks and crevices through which they could climb upwards to positions of greater influence. This interim age group is sanguine about Navon's talents, and about his drawbacks too. They regard the ex-president as a unifying factor, and also as a figurehead, rather than as a heavyweight, authoritarian personality, though they cannot know how Navon would perform as premier.

Ironically, the best hope for the pro-Navon group in Labour would be if the Levinson affair harms Labour's political standing and a saviour were called in to rescue the party from defeat at the next elections.

The movement in Labour for

closer party control over the Histadrut, Hevrat Ha'ovdim and Bank Hapoalim antedates the suicide. Likewise, the movement to shift Peres and Rabin aside in favour of Navon also antedates the affair.

The feeling in Labour before the suicide was that in the unlikely event of the coalition disintegrating, Labour should work for an alternative coalition headed by Peres rather than early elections. The *Jerusalem Post* was assured that Rabin would come to an arrangement with Peres about getting a fair slice of power and would drop his advocacy of early elections. The *Post* was also assured that Labour's rank-and-file would be persuaded to back an alternative coalition proposal.

But as the scheduled election date in autumn 1985 comes closer, questions would again be asked in Labour as to the best possible leadership team to garner votes.

Navon's chances would then improve. An assessment would be made as how best to win the floating voters who quit Labour over the years for other parties, and as to whether the upheaval entailed in altering the leadership would be compensated for by more votes. Labour could conceivably prefer to leave the leadership struggle

Dry Bones



between Peres and Rabin within its body, rather than risk the operation of removing it.

The irony is that while Peres is losing some friends inside the party because of the public's coolness towards him, Rabin is not gaining friends to the same degree.

Most important, by 1985 Labour will have been in the cold for eight years, and party members' main aim will be to get back into the warmth of power and patronage.

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Australia's stand on the PLO

By MARK LEIBLER

members or representatives being appointed to or employed at any such Arab League office.

During the course of our meeting with Prime Minister Hawke, a further unequivocal undertaking was given that the Australian government would not permit the establishment of an Arab League office in Australia unless a clear commitment was received that such office would not engage in any boycott activities against Israel or Australia, or Australian citizens and firms trading with Israel. We were assured that breaches of any such commitment would lead to the office's closure.

More significantly, in terms of Israel's international standing, the prime minister undertook to personally monitor the Australian voting position at the United Nations and to ensure that, in future, in relation to resolutions containing one sided anti-Israel elements,

Australia would not find itself isolated in such votes with enemies of Israel.

FOLLOWING our delegation's meeting with Prime Minister Hawke, in a vote taken at the UN General Assembly on December 14, 1983, Australia, together with only three other countries — the U.S., Canada and Israel — voted against the proposition that the PLO be involved in an international Middle East peace conference.

Furthermore, at the recently concluded Commonwealth heads of government meeting in New Delhi, it was only on Prime Minister Hawke's insistence that the final communiqué contained a reference to the withdrawal of all foreign armed forces from Lebanon.

A joint delegation of the Zionist Federation of Australia and the Executive Council of Australian Jewry met Australia's Foreign Minister

Bill Hayden shortly before his January visit to the Middle East. We emphasised the continuing importance of Australia's role in the Multi-national Sinai Peacekeeping Force, and once again reiterated our concerns over any upgrading in official contacts with the PLO — especially in view of its present disarray.

In this context, it is indeed regretted that the Australian foreign minister, during the course of his recent Middle East tour, saw fit to arrange for Australian officials to meet with representatives of the PLO. Mr. Hayden did, however, inform the delegation that Australia's voting pattern at Unesco, which had given rise to concern within the Jewish community and the Zionist movement, would in future be consistent with its votes at other international forums.

Although our fears have been somewhat allayed by the reas-

urances and undertakings received from Prime Minister Hawke and, although Australia still remains a firm friend of Israel, the fact remains that there has been some shift in Australia's foreign policy — a shift which will hardly be welcomed by Israel's supporters.

I think Asher Wallfish correctly summed up the position in pointing out that we returned from our meeting with Prime Minister Hawke "partly, but not entirely, reassured, resolving to keep our vigilance razor sharp."

The Zionist Federation of Australia has embarked upon a campaign to highlight the danger inherent in permitting the establishment of an Arab League office in Australia. To that end, a background paper, *Why Australia must say 'No' to the Arab League* has been printed and circulated to all Members of Parliament, journalists, editors and opinion makers throughout Australia. The paper highlights links between the Arab League and the PLO and describes the involvement of the Arab League as an agent of terrorism, blackmail and boycotts.

The writer is president of the State Zionist Council of Victoria and vice-president of the Australian Zionist Federation.

READERS' LETTERS

BRAVO, TEDDY!

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — In front of our small villa, set in a garden of old Jerusalem pine trees and cypresses, next to Mr. Herzl Military Cemetery and 30 metres from busy Herzl Avenue, there was half a dunam of neglected land, belonging to the Jerusalem Municipality — a place to unload rubbish and trash. Every summer, fires would break out due to cigarettes thrown out from passing vehicles.

At the end of January 1984, I sent a letter to Mayor Teddy Kollek, suggesting that a small park be planted, visually connecting Mt. Herzl with the adjoining Yefeh Nof neighbourhood, we volunteered to take care of irrigation and water bills.

Here is the astonishing timetable of the beginning of another of Jerusalem's lovely corners:

Wednesday, February 1: Phone call from Mr. Darwish, Chief Gardener of the Municipality, informing me that Mayor Kollek

wanted him to check out the area. Thursday, February 2, 7.30 a.m.: Mr. Darwish arrives to inspect the area.

Same Thursday, two hours later: Bulldozer working, clearing field of stones and trash, moving rocks.

Friday, February 3: Bulldozer finishes work.

Sunday, February 5: Truck brings pine and cypress saplings for planting.

Monday, February 6: Planting accomplished, saplings watered; rocks positioned to screen off area.

Shabbat, February 11: Family, friends and neighbours discussing plans to further beautify park, all marvelling at Mayor Kollek's incredible speed in carrying out plans, his efficiency, and concern for his citizens.

We are indeed fortunate to have such an excellent mayor. Thank you, Teddy.

RUTH LEVIN

Jerusalem.

HAIFA COMMITTEE FOR SOVIET JEWS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — At the beginning of February 1984, the Haifa Committee for Soviet Jews was formed by more than 50 participants in two parlour meetings that discussed the difficult situation of Jews in the Soviet Union at this time.

The new committee will concentrate on two efforts:

1. To bring the facts of Jewish existence in the Soviet Union before the Israeli public; the first activity to that end will be an open meeting on March 13 at 8 p.m. at Beit Wizo, 50 Moriah Blvd. This and other events, organized in cooperation with other organizations, in schools and in private homes, will be part of

the Week of Solidarity with Soviet Jews, to be marked by public meetings and official events throughout Israel.

2. To establish correspondence between individual Israelis and refuseniks in the Soviet Union. This is an effective way of bridging the isolation in which those Jews find themselves, and of helping them to maintain their resolve and lift their spirits.

The Haifa Committee for Soviet Jews invites all the people of this city and its environs to take part in its activity. Offers of cooperation by other groups will be welcome. Further information may be obtained by calling committee members at 04-251957, 247757 and 255104.

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BOOKS NEEDED

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — A group of Ethiopian immigrants has recently arrived at Safad's absorption centre. They have been in Israel just under two months and are 16 to 25 years old. They are eager students, and many of them already read both Hebrew and English with relative ease.

We in Safad are anxious to help them and are looking for books in English — laymen's documentaries, novels and books on Jewish subjects. English dictionaries, English-Hebrew dictionaries and books in Hebrew with vowel signs would also be very useful.

If anyone has books like these that they are willing to give, please contact me at 067-70318 or at 5 Anilevich Street, Safad 13400.

YEHOSSUA SIVAN

Safad.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — I have been most impressed by the actions of Dov Tabori, Mayor of Petah Tikva, in his striving to break the iron stranglehold that the small religious group holds over the vast majority of the secular population.

At long last, there appears to be a strong movement towards freedom of choice (long overdue), led by Dov Tabori, who, despite threats on his life, is determined to carry on. His sincerity came through loud and clear on Ram Evron's talk show on TV and I hope that the citizens of Petah Tikva will line up behind him and give him the support he deserves. I think it should develop into a national movement to fight theocratic dictates by a very small group of citizens of this country.


After all, hiding behind the flag of status quo, and immediately resorting to threats, does not allow us, the secular population, any method of dialogue, and we can only sit back and watch the slow erosion of our rights and freedom. We have all witnessed the many problems and the violence of Ramot, the promised sports stadium in Jerusalem, the archeological dig, the public transport fiasco of Nahariya, the Ramat Gan social club, etc., etc. The list is endless as one wonders what new demands will come next.

The vast majority of the population of this country want and should demand some say in how we should live in the fading years of the 20th century.

DAN BARAK

Tel Aviv.

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